



# *SPIRIT* *of Geneva Lakes*



Vol. 28 No. 12

COMPLIMENTARY COPY • Since 1989

DECEMBER 2016



## *Inside*

- Season for cheese and sausage
- Catering for all occasions

HOLIDAY SEASON SPARKLES  
AT CORNERSTONE SHOP AND GALLERY



Receive a bonus \$25 gift card for every \$250 dollars in Lake Lawn Resort gift card purchases.



LAKE LAWN RESORT

GIFT CARD

LAKE LAWN RESORT

# Gift Cards

MAKE THE PERFECT STOCKING STUFFER OR GIFT UNDER THE TREE

Purchase a gift card in any denomination (\$25 minimum) or one of our new specialized gift cards.

SPECIALIZED GIFT CARDS RECEIVE A SAVING OF 25%



**FRONTIER RESTAURANT**  
CHOICE OF BUFFET



**CALLADORA SPA**  
CALLADORA MANICURE & PEDICURE



**CALLADORA SPA**  
50 MINUTE CALLADORA MASSAGE



**MAJESTIC OAKS**  
18-HOLES OF GOLF FOR FOUR

## LAKE LAWN RESORT UPCOMING EVENTS

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

NOVEMBER 26 | 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

DECEMBER 18 | 11:00 AM

Santa Claus makes an appearance at this special children's breakfast buffet.

### NUTCRACKER

NOVEMBER 26 | 7:00 PM

DECEMBER 23 | 7:00 PM

Over 30 performers from the Dance Factory present this legendary ballet.

### CORK & CANVAS

DECEMBER 2 | 6:30-9:00 PM

An evening painting a select picture led by an instructor while enjoying a glass of wine.

### OLD TYME RADIO

DECEMBER 10 | 11:00 AM

Live broadcast of "Another Christmas Variety Show" radio show. Buffet and show tickets available.

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

DECEMBER 17 | 8:00 PM

Live theatrical performance of this holiday classic. Dinner packages are available.

### CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24 | 5:00 PM-9:00 PM

A spectacular menu based on the food, design and spirit of Charles Dickens.

### CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 25 | 10:00 AM-6:00 PM

Grand yuletide buffet.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE COMEDY SHOW

DECEMBER 31 | SHOWS AT 7:30 PM & 10:00 PM

The great room will ring with laughter as stand-up comedian Dobie Maxwell takes the stage.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

JANUARY 1 | 9:30 AM-2:30 PM

New Year's Day Bloody Mary brunch includes a make your own Bloody Mary bar.

SPACE IS LIMITED AND RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE BY CALLING 262-725-9155.



LAKE LAWN  
RESORT



2400 EAST GENEVA STREET | DELAVAN, WISCONSIN | 800.338.5253 | LAKELAWNRESORT.COM

263111



**THE BEST OF**  
**WALWORTH**  
COUNTY

Voted Walworth  
County's #1  
Jeweler 6 years  
in a row!

*Fontana*  *Jeweler*

[fontanadiamonds.com](http://fontanadiamonds.com)

553 Hwy 67, Fontana, WI • 262-275-6363 Open 9-5 Mon.-Sat.



# The Rauland Agency, Inc. - REALTORS®

www.raulandagency.com

262-275-2185



**#1480492 - ELKHORN:** Exquisite Estate property that was remodeled added onto & redone in 2014. 3 BR, 3.5 BA home is approx. 6587 sq ft. Property is fenced in & has security system. [4684PotterRd.com](http://4684PotterRd.com)  
**\$895,000 Connie Pogensee 262-215-7644**



**#1483746 - LAKE GENEVA:** Unique 4 level Shodeen built home features breathtaking views of the lake & golf course -Includes wooded vacant lot adjacent to property for total privacy. [700LegendDr.com](http://700LegendDr.com)  
**\$648,500 Becky Merwin 262-215-4000**



**#1496152 - LAKE GENEVA:** This extraordinary, Lake Geneva, luxury estate on 11.619 AC along the White River. Charming 4-stall horse barn has a wash bay, tack room, & pasture. [LakeGenevaEstate.com](http://LakeGenevaEstate.com) **\$774,500**  
**Shari Rauland Mohr 262-745-2956**



**#1477518 - ELKHORN:** Beautiful 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 2 story home on 7.74 Acres of land & 2 ponds. Outside of home is log sided but inside is drywall and updated kitchen/great room. [5632AmosRd.com](http://5632AmosRd.com)  
**\$545,000 Connie Pogensee 262-215-7644**



**#1487357 - FONTANA:** This beautiful 6 BR, 4.5 Bath home w/ 3 car garage in upscale Pheasant Ridge. Two decks; hot tub & big yard w/ irrigation system and underground pet fence. [501PheasantRidge.com](http://501PheasantRidge.com) **\$515,000**  
**Shari Rauland Mohr 262-745-2956**



**#1493334 - ELKHORN:** Full Tennessee Heritage Log home w/ views for miles w/30 AC. The ambience of this 3 BR, 2 BA home includes many conversations w/ a wrap around porch. [5362Cobblestone.com](http://5362Cobblestone.com)  
**\$589,900 Connie Pogensee 262-215-7644**



**#1491968 - LAUDERDALE LAKE:** 2 story contemporary home in turn key condition that's located on wooded lot, private deck off back of home, transferable boat slip in Cool Hill Park. [Obeo.com/1119698](http://Obeo.com/1119698)  
**\$324,900 Becky Merwin 262-215-4000**



**#1482820 - PRAIRIE VIEW SUBDIVISION WILLIAMS BAY:** This 4 BR, 2.5 bath contemporary farmhouse w/ 3 car garage features an open floor plan & all the features you've been looking for in a new home!  
**\$345,000 Shari Rauland Mohr 262-745-2956**



**PLEASANT LAKE PACKAGE DEAL TO PURCHASE BOTH HOMES FOR \$550,000**  
**#1417342:** Serene 50 +/- ft of Pleasant Lake frontage w/ this 4 BR, 2 BA home. Priced to sell, make an offer!  
**\$299,000 Connie Pogensee 262-215-7644**



**#1494540 - WALWORTH:** Home w/ 3 car attached garage, 2 steel buildings 24'x36' and 26'x40', & a shed. The home features a tray ceiling, wood burning stove in the living room & spacious kitchen with dinette.  
**\$190,000 Fred Schubert 262-949-7199**



**#1488626 - WALWORTH:** Newly priced turn key ranch features Open flr plan, brick wood fireplace, 3 BR, 2 BA, new roof, fresh paint throughout interior-LL rec room - fantastic lot w/ beautiful mature trees.  
**\$179,500 Becky Merwin 262-215-4000**



**#1469171 - PLEASANT LAKE:** This 3 BR, 3 BA home has 3 levels of living space all looking out at Pleasant Lake. Home next door is MLS# 1417342 is also for sale-same owners. Purchase both for 100+/- of frontage.  
**\$275,000 Connie Pogensee 262-215-7644**

# Contents



December events calendar .....	6
The most wonderful time of the year .....	7
The holiday tradition of cheese and sausage.....	11
Craft brewery taps into local history .....	17
The wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald .....	21
Picking the perfect Christmas tree.....	23
A ride on the Christmas Express .....	26
Food is the star at Sophisticatering .....	29
The glow of Christmas in the Country.....	36
Cornerstone Shop: Something for everyone .....	39
Lake Lawn offers feasts for the season .....	47
Through the Lens .....	50



## Christmas spirit

The Christmas season comes to life in brilliant reds, greens and whites each year in the intricately designed displays at the Cornerstone Shop and Gallery in downtown Lake Geneva. While the store offers hard-to-find home accents that change with each season, it shines especially bright during the holidays with items ranging from a traditional Santa Claus to a white tree decked out in nautical-themed ornaments. And the best part? The displays change on a daily basis, according to owner Karin Bennett. See more beginning on page 39.

PHOTO BY ED NADOLSKI *Spirit of Geneva Lakes*



# IT'S COMIN' UP

## DECEMBER EVENTS

See page 7 for a comprehensive list of holiday-themed events.

**1 Santa Cruise, Williams Bay** – The Geneva Cruise Line boat tour will embark on a magical Christmas cruise to Santa's North Pole hideaway! Along your lake tour will be millions of lights on displays. Each display unfolds the story of your journey to the North Pole. The Grand Belle, decked out in Christmas splendor, will take you on your voyage and offers a climate-controlled environment. Activities for everyone will be offered along with a snack bar and a cash bar with adult and children's beverages. Each tour will be approximately 40 to 45 minutes in length and will depart and return to Gage Marina in Williams Bay. Tours run Wednesday through Sunday during December. Cruises depart on the hour at 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. Rates range from \$24 for adults to \$12 for children ages 4 to 12. A portion of all tickets sold will go to the Santa Cause, benefiting twelve local charities. 1 Liechty Dr., Williams Bay, (262) 248-6206, [www.cruiselakegeneva.com](http://www.cruiselakegeneva.com).

**1 Letters To Santa, Delavan** – Santa will be receiving and responding to children's letters directly from the North Pole. Letters should be dropped off at one of Santa's mailboxes located inside Delavan's City Hall, the Aram Public Library, and the Darien Public Library from Dec. 1 through 16. If your child would like to receive a letter from Santa, please include a self addressed stamped envelope with the letter.

**2 Christmas At The Farm** – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Northwind Perennial Farm, 7047 Hospital Rd., Burlington, (262) 248-8229, [www.northwindperennialfarm.com](http://www.northwindperennialfarm.com). Northwind's Christmas Shop will create a memorable holiday shopping experience. Fresh greens, wreaths, garland, berries and branches are available for container and home decorating. The barn is filled with an amazing collection of unique gifts, holiday decor and beautifully displayed Christmas ornaments. Many of the items are one-of-a-kind, created by local artists.

**2-4 Annual Open House and Presentation of Horses, East Troy** – Join the West 20 staff, family and friends to celebrate the holidays at the 15th annual Open House and Presentation of Horses. Customers can enjoy 7,500 square feet of shopping, including saddles and tack, clothing and boots, giftware and home furnishings and more. There will be in-store sales, door prize giveaways and snacks! 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at West 20 Ranch and Saddle Co., W4812 Highway 20, East Troy, (262) 642-4272, [www.west20.com](http://www.west20.com)

**3 Old World Holiday Breakfast, Eagle** – Enjoy a hearty holiday buffet in the big, red Clausen Barn. Make it a full day of fun when you purchase a ticket to an Old World Holiday Breakfast and receive a 20 percent discount admission coupon for An Old World Christmas. Enjoy a photo opportunity with Father Christmas. Venture into the 1880s village for a horse-drawn bobsled ride (snow permitting), and all of the seasonal activities at the daylong event. Reservations required. Breakfast only: adults (13+) \$24, children 5-12 \$17, plus tax and one-time \$3 service charge on the entire order, children 4 and under free. Advance reservations are available online or by calling (262) 594-6301.

**3 Freezin for a Reason, Williams Bay** – Event gives waterskiers, wakeboarders, surfers, and tubers of all ages an opportunity to brave the chilly waters of Lake Geneva to raise money for the Santa Cause Super Charity, which supports several local charities. Participants are asked to get sponsorship pledges from businesses, family, friends, and fans. The minimum donation to participate is \$50. The day also includes food and beverage specials, raffles, and an auction. There are several warming stations and a hot tub on the pier for participants. More than \$20,000 was raised last year, with hopes to raise \$30,000 this year. Event sponsor Gage Marine will again provide boats, skis, tubes, boards, and dry suits, although many participants bring their own equipment. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Gage Marina, 1 Liechty Dr., Williams Bay, [www.santacauses.org](http://www.santacauses.org).

**3-4 Lakeland Players Children's Holiday Musical, "Broadway Santa."** – Join this holiday excursion to the "Great White Way" as Santa and Mrs. Claus and the rest of the North Pole gang make Broadway history performing Santa's stage play. This performance will be held at the Walworth County PAC (The old Sprague Theater), downtown Elkhorn at 4 p.m. All tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at The Elkhorn Chamber Of Commerce, or by calling (262) 812-3866 to reserve at the door, or order online at [www.lakeland-players.org](http://www.lakeland-players.org)

**11 "Away In The Basement - Church Basement Ladies"** – 2 to 4 p.m. at Young Auditorium, 930 W. Main St., Whitewater, (262) 472-2222, [www.uww.edu/youngauditorium](http://www.uww.edu/youngauditorium). A musical comedy featuring four distinct characters and their relationships as they organize the food and solve the problems of a rural Minnesota church about to undergo changes in 1965. Based on the best selling book Growing Up Lutheran by authors/humorists Janet Letnes Martin and Suzann Nelson, the musical comedy was created by Jim Sotwell, Jessica Zuehlke, and Drew Jansen, and produced by Curt Wollan. Tickets range from \$19.75 to \$38

**15 Isthmus Brass Christmas Walworth** – Under the direction of brass-icon, John Stevens, Isthmus Brass is Wisconsin's premiere large brass ensemble. IB is one of the most popular brass performers in the Midwest. Advanced ticket discounts are available. \$20 per person. 7 to 9 p.m. Big Foot High School - Auditorium, 401 Devils Lane, Walworth, (262) 275-2117, [www.bigfootfinearts.org](http://www.bigfootfinearts.org)

**17 The Nutcracker Ballet** – Tchaikovsky's most famous ballet, "The Nutcracker," is performed annually at Young Auditorium by accomplished dancers from The Dance Factory. This production features talented area youth, gorgeous costumes, lavish backdrops. The Nutcracker ballet is based on the story The Nutcracker and the King of Mice written by E.T.A. Hoffman. 2 to 4 p.m. at Young Auditorium, 930 W. Main St., Whitewater, (262) 472-2222, [www.uww.edu/youngauditorium](http://www.uww.edu/youngauditorium). Tickets range in price from \$15 to \$22.

*Although we attempt to provide accurate information regarding area events, dates and times may change or events may be cancelled. We suggest you confirm events before you finalize your travel plans.*

## THE SPIRIT

IS A PUBLICATION OF



GENERAL MANAGER  
**Cyndi Jensen, CPA**

EDITOR IN CHIEF  
**Ed Nadolski**

ADVERTISING DIRECTOR  
**Vicki Vanderwerff**

CREATIVE DIRECTOR  
**Sue Z. Lange**

SALES  
**Pete Hansen**

SPECIAL SECTIONS  
**Karen Dubinsky**

DISTRIBUTION MANAGER  
**Tom Flatow**

The Spirit of Geneva Lakes is a complimentary publication, distributed from I-94 through west Kenosha County, to and including the Geneva Lakes area in Walworth County, Richmond Illinois, plus Burlington and Waterford in Racine County.

Send all correspondence to:

## THE SPIRIT

SOUTHERN LAKES  
NEWSPAPERS  
1102 Ann Street  
Delavan, WI 53115



**SpiritofGenevaLakes.com**  
**262.728.3411**

# The most wonderful time...

A look at  
how area  
communities  
ring in  
the  
season



The holidays are a time of goodwill and cheer, and that is especially evident throughout the Geneva Lakes area during the month of December.

Here's a look at the many events scheduled throughout the area to usher in the holiday season:

## *Burlington*

The "Christmas Vacation" Christmas parade in downtown Burlington marches from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2.

The Christmas tree lighting will be in Wehmhoff Square Park immediately following the parade. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand to do the lighting and then retreat to the Chalet where they will be meeting children eager to tell them what they

want for Christmas. Also, in the park, will be Live Reindeer, carolers, hot chocolate, cookies and music for all to enjoy.

For more information, call 262-763-6044.

## *East Troy*

The East Troy Electric Railroad's Santa Parade Train will make its annual journey into town on Saturday, Dec. 3. Festivities will begin at East Troy Village Square Park at 5 to 8 p.m., including a tree lighting, winter activities and photos with Santa.

Presented by the East Troy Electric Railroad in conjunction with the East Troy Area Chamber of Commerce and

Mukwonago Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Center, the holiday lit four-car train

# of the Year!



FILE PHOTO BY ERIC KRAMER Spirit of Geneva Lakes

Santa pulls into the East Troy Electric Railroad depot on the Santa Train in 2015. This year's event is scheduled for Dec. 3.



UBMITTED PHOTO Spirit of Geneva Lakes  
**Santa Claus offers some advice on being nice to a young visitor to the Twin Lakes Trees on Parade and Holiday Shopping Extravaganza.**



will travel down the century-old interurban trolley line between Mukwonago and East Troy.

Spectators, who aren't aboard the train, can catch a glimpse of Santa along Highway ES. The train will stop briefly at the following crossings:

- 5:30 p.m., train departs from The Elegant Farmer;
- 5:45 p.m., Army Lake Road – Army Lake Camp;
- 6 p.m., St. Peter's Road;
- 6:15 p.m., Byrnes Street;
- 6:25 p.m., Division Street: and
- 6:30 p.m., Santa arrives at Village Square via East Troy Fire Department truck.

Limited tickets, which must be purchased in advance, are available for \$11 each through the East Troy Area Chamber of Commerce ([easttroy.org](http://easttroy.org)) or at the Mukwonago Chamber Office, 100 Atkinson St.

For more information, call (262) 642-3770 or (262) 363-7758.

In anticipation of Santa's arrival, festivities will begin on the East Troy Village Square at 6 p.m. with concessions, winter activities and a Christmas carol sing-along.

The East Troy Lioness Club will once again be serving walking tacos, hot dogs and hot chocolate at the Lion's Lodge on the square starting at 5 p.m.

Professional photos of children with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available following the tree lighting at about 6:40 p.m. at a cost of \$8 each, with the proceeds to benefit the East Troy Food Pantry. All participants will get a digital copy of their photo.



## Midwest College of Oriental Medicine

[www.acupuncture.edu](http://www.acupuncture.edu)

Happiness

Diversity

Passion

Discovery

## Start Your Path to a More Rewarding Career as an Acupuncturist

[www.acupuncture.edu](http://www.acupuncture.edu)

## Earn a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition (TCM) combined with a Master of Science in Oriental Medicine

## 800-593-2320

Financial aid available for those who qualify

Campuses in Racine, WI and Evanston, IL

**License available in 46 states.**

Approved by the Wisconsin Education Approval Board and Illinois Board of Higher Education. Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine Programs accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, an agency approved by the Secretary of Education



## Elkhorn

The annual Christmas Card Town Parade in Elkhorn will be held at 1:30 p.m., Dec. 3.

Each entry is asked to donation 10 non-perishable food items or \$10 to support the Elkhorn Food Pantry. Santa is already booked for the parade so entries are asked not to try and include Santa on their floats.

Staging will take place at the Walworth County Fairgrounds where the parade route begins and ends.

Elkhorn's fourth annual Reindeer Run is also Dec. 3, from 8 to 10 a.m.

The run starts and finishes at Sunset Park. Awards in categories of fastest finishers and best holiday dressed. Refreshments, music and more.

For more information, visit [www.ElkhornReindeerRun.com](http://www.ElkhornReindeerRun.com).

The Lakeland Players will present their children's holiday musical "Broadway Santa" on Dec. 3 and 4. Showings are at 4 p.m. at the Walworth County Performing Arts Center, 15 W. Walworth St., Elkhorn.

Tickets are \$10 and available at the Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce, by calling the ticket manager at (262) 812-3866 or online at [www.lakeland-players.org](http://www.lakeland-players.org).

## Lake Geneva

The 41st annual Electric Christmas Parade, "Celebrate Your Inner Elf," begins at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3. Parade route begins at Williams and Marshall streets, then heads south on Broad Street, west on Main Street, and north on Cook Street.

Santa and his reindeer will welcome visitors to downtown Lake Geneva from noon to 4 p.m.

The Geneva Lake Museum, 255 Mill St., will also be hosting "A Victorian Christmas" from noon until 3 p.m. on Dec. 3.

Family fun, entertainment and cookies. Free admission.

For more information, visit [genevalakemuseum.org](http://genevalakemuseum.org).

## Twin Lakes

The Trees on Parade and Holiday Shopping extravaganza in Twin Lakes will be Dec. 2 and 3, at St. John's Community Center, 701 N. Lake Ave, Twin Lakes. This year's theme is "Winter Wonderland."

Times are 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Crafters, vendors, tree decorating and gingerbread contests and a Kids Korner.

For more information, visit [twinlakeschamber.com](http://twinlakeschamber.com).



SUBMITTED PHOTO Spirit of Geneva Lakes

**Specially decorated trees, like this one airing Santa's laundry, will again be on display at St. John's Community Center in Twin Lakes when the Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual Trees on Parade and Holiday Shopping Extravaganza Dec. 2 and 3.**

## Union Grove

The Christmas Comes to Union Grove is set for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1, at Village Square Park. Families enjoy the annual tree lighting, refreshments and music provided by the Greater Union Grove Area Chamber of Commerce and Christmas Comes to Union Grove sponsors. Children will be awaiting the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Claus on the Fire Engine who bring stockings for all children 11 and younger.

The annual Union Grove Holiday Craft Fair, will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

on Saturday, Dec. 3, at Union Grove Elementary School, 1745 Milldrum Ave. Crafts, art, gifts, potted plants, wreaths, live music and more.

For more information, call (262) 891-3477.

## Waterford

Waterford's annual Christmas Parade will step off from Main Street at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will greet children in the library following parade.



On the same day as Lake Geneva's Christmas parade, the Friends of the Lake Geneva Public Library will have a stocking stuffer sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 3 in the library's Smith meeting room.

The sale will feature hundreds of children's and young adult books as well as books for adults. Children's paperbacks will be sold for 50 cents and children's hardcover books for \$1. Adult mass media paperbacks will be sold for \$1 and adult hardcover and trade paperback books for \$2, unless priced otherwise.

The event will include special book signings by children's book author Mary Ellen Schulz from 9 to 11 a.m. and young adult author Christine Verstrate from 1 to 2 p.m. Schulz published the picture book "There's a Mouse in my Mashed Potatoes," and Verstrate is author of "GIRL Z: My Life as a Teenage Zombie" and the upcoming "Lizzie Borden, Zombie Hunter."

The event also includes a Friends sale boutique that will feature:

- Angel and snowflake design bookmarks, from Fashioncraft's Book Lover's Collection for \$5 each.
- Note card sets of the library's Stained Glass Art Collection, which feature photographs of Frank Lloyd Wright windows

and James Dresser-inspired stained glass art designed and fabricated by Ed Gilbertson.

• Lake Geneva Public Library postcard and stationery sets that feature an etching of the library's historical building, which was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright protégé James Dresser.

• Book bags, designed with a library logo on blue canvas, will be sold for \$10 each.

• "Meandering Around Walworth County" auto tour guidebook bundles, written by local historian Ginny Hall.

Other features of the event are an ornament sale to benefit Lake Geneva's Side by Side organization, which responds to neighbors in need of compassion, hope, community resources and financial assistance; free book giveaways to each person who donates a new or handmade hat, scarf, or set of mittens for the Lake Geneva Public Library Giving Tree; and free book giveaways to participants of the "Catch the Gingerbread Man!" at the Lake Geneva Public Library programs on Dec. 3.

A gingerbread ornament workshop and gingerbread story time will take place from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants who "catch" a hidden paper gingerbread man ornament at the Friends' sale will win a free book.

Funds raised from the Friends' stocking stuffer sale make special projects possible, including youth and adult programming, online book clubs, and new books, CDs, and DVDs for the Library collection.

The Friends welcome new members throughout the year with annual dues of \$10 for individuals, \$15 for families and \$25 for patrons.

For more information, call the Lake Geneva Public Library at (262) 249-5299 or visit the library's Facebook page or lakegeneva.lib.wi.us.

Now Offering  
Senior & Military  
Discounts

# Komfort

Heating & Cooling Inc.

Visit Our  
Website  
[www.komfortheating.com](http://www.komfortheating.com)

## "YOUR COMFORT IS OUR TOP PRIORITY"

40  
YEARS OF  
EXCELLENCE  
1976-2016



## SALES & SERVICE

Heating • Air Conditioning • Sheet Metal Work • Duct Cleaning

**RESIDENTIAL  
COMMERCIAL**

**Professional Dryer  
Vent Cleaning**

*Don't wait for a fire! Call for details today!*

**FREE  
ESTIMATES**



5384 State Road 11 • Elkhorn, Wisconsin 53121  
**473-5585 • 245-9001 • 723-2662 • (800) 295-6363**

230944

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**  
CORRESPONDENT

**T**hroughout the Midwest and especially in Wisconsin during the holiday season, friends will be gathering in homes to enjoy this special time together. While laughing, talking and sharing the stories of their days, they will be enjoying foods – from appetizers to full meals.

One of the traditional foods found in plentiful amounts on the buffet table will be summer sausage and Wisconsin cheese. These two favorite snack foods are an important part of the social scene.

Summer sausages – traditionally made of pork or beef or in some cases lamb, deer or buffalo – can be flavored with many traditional and nontraditional flavorings, giving each summer sausage its own unique taste. Local cheeses also found at every gathering compliment the flavor of the sausage when enjoyed on a cracker. Sometimes the sausages arrive with the visitors as they are brought as a holiday or hostess gift.

So how did Wisconsin become so well known for its love of sausage? Well the processing of meat into sausage can be traced back as far as the primitive Native Americans who made a product known as pemmican by combining the wild game that they had hunted with the wild rice that grew freely in the area and adding corn, fat, herbs and berries which was then packed into animal skins or formed into cakes to be smoked and eaten through the winter.

#### **European import**

It is more likely, however, that Wisconsin's love of sausage came from the 19th Century European immigration rather than from the natives who inhabited the land. The immigrants from Germany, Poland and other

# Merry cheese and sausage!



IN WISCONSIN, YOU CAN'T  
RESIST THE TRADITION



This gift box from Lake Geneva Country Meats contains rice crackers, a variety of local artisan cheeses, a bottle of Wisconsin wine and a dessert block of milk chocolate with sea salt. It's a gift that will be happily received.

SANDRA LANDEN MACHAJ *Spirit of Geneva Lakes*

## Planning an Outdoor Reception?

We'll provide the comfort and reassurance your guests deserve!

- ❖ Portable Restroom & Sink Rental for Any Occasion
- ❖ Holding Tank Pumping
- ❖ Septic Tank Cleaning
- ❖ Prompt, Professional Service

# PATS

## SERVICES, INC

38331 60th St., Burlington, Wis.

Call (262) **537-4988**

[www.patsservice.com](http://www.patsservice.com)

162158

## Advertising works in the Spirit of Geneva Lakes!

Promoting your business in the right publication is essential to growth and overall success. Knowing that your message is reaching your intended audience is what makes *The Spirit of Geneva Lakes* uniquely effective. We can create an image that is both creative and compelling!

For advertising opportunities contact:

**Pete Hansen**

Email: [phansen@standardpress.com](mailto:phansen@standardpress.com)

Office: 262-723-2250 Cell: 414-801-2360

**SPIRIT**  
of Geneva Lakes

SOUTHERN LAKES  
Newspapers

178649

eastern European countries who made their way to the Wisconsin area were known for their love of sausage. Each group of immigrants savored their own styles of sausage as they developed their own variety of seasonings to give their favorite sausage its unique taste.

Many of these immigrants began to farm and raise domesticated animals for food. The sausage trade in the area began to flourish as the sausage could be saved and eaten over the cold and snowy winter months.

While many of the immigrants began to farm, others – especially those in the Milwaukee area – opened butcher shops and began to create sausage, which drew people who were looking for a taste of the old country.

As various ethnic groups moved into the area, various flavorings were added to the sausages – including Wisconsin favorites such as cheese and cherries. Cajun spices also made their way into the sausages. It was not only the beef and pork that were used in sausages, but also the wild fowl and deer that the hunters provided.

Even today the butcher shops report a rise in the sale of summer sausage and bratwurst right before hunting season as the hunters load up for their week in the woods.

Most of the farmers did their own butchering, a tradition that is still practiced today but by fewer farms than in previous times.

While many people think of bratwurst as the most popular Wisconsin sausage, at this time of year it is the summer sausage that takes over. Summer sausage is a favorite for holiday gatherings. It also makes a perfect gift, whether as a host or hostess gift, thank you gift for employees, or gifts for friends. A summer sausage makes a perfect stocking stuffer for the sausage lover in your house.

### Say 'cheese'

Entertaining? Bring out that plate of sliced summer sausage, crackers, and to complete the treat, some Wisconsin cheese.

Cheese is the other great Wisconsin staple and the reason it is known as the dairy state. It's a great snack while watching a favorite football team or enjoying a social gathering with friends or family. With many artisan cheese makers throughout the state, there are many fine cheeses available.

Don't forget to add some Wisconsin beer or wine for a true



Above: Cheese curds are a favorite snacking food. Stinebrink's Piggly Wiggly has a large display of cheese curds in various flavors including Mango Habanero, Bloody Mary, Pizza and Buffalo Wing. Below: This gift basket from Hill Country Market is wrapped and ready to be delivered to the lucky recipient.



SANDRA LANDEN MACHAJ PHOTOS Spirit of Geneva Lakes



A display of favorite cheeses and summer sausages is arranged by Barb Sorg, one of the owners of Sorgs in Darien.

Wisconsin feast.

Are you ready to shop for that gift basket of sausage and cheese? In the Geneva Lakes area there are many specialty meat shops and grocery stores that carry the wonderful locally made summer sausages and cheese for the holiday season.

Here's a look at a few of them:

### Sorgs

N4290 Highway 14, Darien, Wis.  
(262) 724-5554

The family-owned Sorgs meat processing and retail store has a wide variety of meats and cheeses for holiday entertaining. Summer sausages are made on site and include a traditional summer sausage and a variety of flavored sausages. Sorgs makes beef and pork sausages and

264129

# CONSIGNMENT & RESALE SHOPPING

Look Great  
Save Money  
Think Green!

## Sandy's Upscale Consignment

Dressing Women Since 1997



Spice Up Your Wardrobe!



Open Mon.-Sat. • 212 N. Main St., Walworth, WI  
(just off the square) 262-275-8221

[www.sandysupscaleconsignment.com](http://www.sandysupscaleconsignment.com)

264130



TO ADVERTISE ON THE CONSIGNMENT  
and RESALE SHOPPING PAGE...

call Pete Hansen at 262-723-2250 or  
email [phansen@standardpress.com](mailto:phansen@standardpress.com)

240590



## Mission Thrift Shoppe

Open Sun.-Thurs. 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. • Closed Saturdays

(262) 723-8177

23 E. Walworth Street &  
32 S. Wisconsin Street  
Elkhorn, WI 53121

226035

also a hunter (venison) sausage and buffalo sausage. Try the chili cheese flavor or the bourbon black pepper for a different taste. The summer sausages are made by Andy Sorg III.

There is a large variety of cheeses produced by Wisconsin cheese makers. Among the favorites are Jim's Cheese from Waterloo, Sartori Cheese from Plymouth.

Sorgs does not offer made up baskets or boxes of sausages and cheeses, but are more than willing to help customers choose a combination that can be put together to make a great gift.

Don't forget to order a turkey or ham for Christmas dinner.

## Lake Geneva Country Meats

5907 Highway 50, Lake Geneva, Wis.  
(262) 248-3339

For 50 years the Lake Geneva Country Meats has been known for its excellent sausages. Originally opened by John and Rita Leahy, the butcher shop continues to prosper under the direction of their daughter Kathy, her husband Scott and son Nick.

The popular store is usually filled with shoppers hand selecting their fine meats and sausages. Lake Geneva Country Meats makes its award-winning sausages in house. Their summer sausages are very popular this time of year.

A wide variety of Wisconsin cheeses made by local companies are carried in the store. Jim's Cheese from Waterloo, Vern's Cheese

from Chilton and Shullsburg Cheese from (where else?) Shullsburg are a few of the artisan cheeses available here.

Specialty baskets are on display or customers may choose their favorite cheese and sausage combo to design a box or basket. Also check out local beer and wines to enjoy at a sausage and cheese get-together.

## Wilson Farm Products

406 S. Wisconsin St., Elkhorn, Wis.  
(262) 723-2919

The Wilson Family Farm was established in the 1870s by Jeannie and John Wilson and continues to raise fine quality animals that are processed locally for fine meats. The business is under the direction of the fifth generation of Wilsons and Scott Wilson continues to manage the farm and opened a local meat market in Elkhorn.

Their sausages are produced on site and are sold at the store and also at other markets in the area. Their cranberry summer sausage is a Christmas holiday specialty. Beef sticks, a snack time favorite, are also produced by Wilsons and available on site.

According to Michele Kinsley, customer service representative at Wilsons, gift baskets and boxes are not prepared at Wilsons, but they do offer small boxes that can be filled by the customer with summer sausage and local cheese selections to make their own gift.



Ashly Wickey, manager of Hill Country Market, displays one of the specially prepared baskets that she has created.

## Stinebrink's Piggly Wiggly

100 Geneva Square,  
Lake Geneva, Wis.  
(262) 248-8798  
1414 E. Geneva St., Delavan, Wis.  
(262) 728-2638

Stinebrink's Piggly Wiggly offers full-service grocery stores that seem more like small specialty stores. While they have the full array of groceries normally found in a large supermarket, they also have the fine foods that customers look for during the holidays.

Specialty and locally made summer sausages and artisan cheeses are available for holiday entertaining.

Looking for that special combination of cheese and sausage? Work with one of the employees who will help make the right choices. Employees are friendly, helpful and knowledgeable about the products available.

A display of beautifully arranged cheese and sausage baskets will be available for purchase through the holiday season. Purchase one of the available baskets for gift giving or have a special basket arranged with the cheeses and sausages that will make your gift special.

SANDRA LANDEN MACHAJ, Spirit of Geneva Lakes



The whimsical Santa basket or the more formal straw basket, which is your choice? You can find them both at Hill Country Market in Salem.

## Hill Country Market

7510 288th Avenue, Salem, Wis.  
(262) 837-4867

This small deli and country market, on the corner of Highway 50 and Highway B has a fine selection of local artisan cheeses and locally made sausages.

Their cheeses include selections from Carr Valley Cheese in La Valle, Sartori Cheese, Vern's Cheese in Chilton and a variety of other suppliers. The summer sausage is brought from Wilson's Farm products. Gift baskets of cheese and sausage to give to friends, employees or a friendly neighbor are available in various price ranges and styles. Give the market your choices of cheese and sausage and the price range, and Manager Ashly Wickey will see that you get the perfect gift.

Local wines and beers are also available to add to your basket. After all, cheese and sausage are more enjoyable while sipping a glass of wine or a locally brewed beer.

Discover why our customers bring friends, neighbors, relatives and out-of-town guests to

# Ginger Blossom

Handcrafted Home Furnishings and Gifts from Five Continents

3016 Rt. 173, Richmond, IL 60071 • 815-678-4015  
www.gingerblossom.com • Open Daily 10:00 am to 5:00 pm  
182053

**Wells**  **Spiral Stairs**

**Steel Spiral Stairs • Gates  
Railings & Fences  
Custom Made Products Available**

162 Walworth St. Genoa City, WI  
262.279.5927 (Phone)  
262.279.5926 (Fax)

Email: [spirals@metalspirals.com](mailto:spirals@metalspirals.com)

**www.metalspirals.com**

162395



The label on The Beast of Bray Road, the flagship beer for Second Salem Brewing Company in Whitewater, portrays the creature reportedly seen in the countryside near Elkhorn.



The Reaper, a pale wheat ale at Second Salem Brewing Company honors the Esterly Reaper, the first machine used to harvest wheat. It was manufactured in Whitewater.

# Craft brewery taps into local history

Second Salem beer names give a nod to local lore

by **Heather Ruenz**

STAFF WRITER

"From the age of 21, I was always looking at craft beers and at that time it was basically Leinenkugel's. In my late 20s I got the idea to buy this place and make a craft brewery," Christ Christon, owner and brewmaster of Second Salem Brewing Company in Whitewater said.

Christon, a Whitewater native, said he started brewing beer thanks to a group of friends who were already doing it, had the equipment needed and invited him to join them.

"Starting a brewery takes a lot of planning at both the state and federal levels, not to mention that the Wisconsin Craft Beer laws

hinder business growth in this state, despite what the welcome sign says," Christon said.

Once the red tape had been dealt with, however, late in the summer of 2013, Second Salem Brewing Company was branded.

Owning a nano-brewery is challenging, according to Christon, because of "supply and demand and the occasional batch that turns. They say being a brewmaster is 20 percent brewing and 80 percent cleaning and that's true because hygiene is so important. Brewing is very technical but it's also an art form. It's not nearly as simple as some people think," Christon said.

Brewing is a process that can't be rushed. According to Christon, a typical year-round brew, grain-to-glass is about a two-week



## Craft beer...by the numbers

According to the Brewers Association, out of the overall beer market sales of \$105.9 billion nationally, the craft beer market accounted for \$22.3 billion.

Statistics for the same year in Wisconsin showed there were 121 craft breweries that contributed to an overall impact of \$1.75 million in the state.

For figures on the impact on jobs nationally, the latest numbers available are from 2014. That year, the craft brewing industry contributed approximately 424,000 jobs, more than 115,000 of them directly at breweries and brewpubs, including serving staff, with the remainder

falling into the categories of wholesale and retail.

Craft brewers are small brewers, according to the association with the hallmark of their business being innovation – they often interpret historic styles with unique twists and develop new styles that have no precedent.

The majority of Americans live within 10 miles of a craft brewer whose owners tend to be involved in their communities through philanthropy, product donations, volunteerism and sponsorship of events, the association reported.



**Book your  
Holiday Parties  
& Events  
Now**



**STALLER ESTATE  
WINERY**

**W8896 County Hwy. A, Delavan  
(608) 883-2100**

Check out our hours at [www.stallerestate.com](http://www.stallerestate.com)

### Stop in to enjoy Complimentary Wine Tasting

Relax with a glass of wine and a cheese platter in our sunroom and gazebo looking out at the vineyard.

NEW Wines • NEW Food Options  
Wine Flights • Delicious Picnic Platters  
Wine & Chocolate Pairings

Enjoy a Picnic Overlooking the Vineyard or  
Bring a Blanket to Savor Your Wine in the Vineyard

### RENT OUR FACILITY FOR:



- Birthday Parties
- Bridal Showers
- Bachelor/Bachelorette Parties
- Group Outings
- Family Gatherings

Groups and Buses Welcome



TO GET ALL OF OUR  
UP TO DATE EVENT INFO

182623

## CARS WANTED!



Actively  
Buying  
Cars for  
Over  
20 Years...  
Any  
Condition!

Fast  
Payment &  
Pick Up!  
Generous  
Finder's  
Fees!

### Steve's British Connection

Jaguar, Xk-XKE, MG T series, MGA Triumph TR-2-3-4-250,  
Mercedes 190, 220, 230, 250, 280SL, Porsche 356, 911, 914  
Austin Healy, Riley, Alfa-Romeo, Singer, Mustang 1964-1967 Model T, A  
Also other interesting European & American made cars.

**630-553-9023 • email [sbcinc@aol.com](mailto:sbcinc@aol.com)**

159156

South of America Cuisine



## Lucke's Cantina

Food & Spirits

Enjoy Our Outdoor Deck!

220 Elkhorn rd. (Hwy 67)  
Williams Bay, WI

**262-245-6666**

Free WI Fi

Colorful, Tropical Atmosphere

OPEN  
11-Close Daily  
BREAKFAST  
Sat. & Sun.  
8 am

BLOODY MARY  
BAR SUN 9 am

Food & Spirits  
Daily  
Specials

Outdoor  
Seating

Margaritas  
Made Fresh

159796

Second Salem Brewing Company, located on Cravath Lake in Whitewater serves pub food described as “higher end” by owner Christ Christon. Staff will recommend beer pairings for what guests order.



SUBMITTED PHOTO Spirit of Geneva Lakes

process, IPA about three weeks, some have taken four months, “and we have one right now that will take six months because we’re aging it in a whiskey barrel – a very wet whiskey barrel,” he said.

Coming up with a name for the business wasn’t a simple process either. Christon said it came up unexpectedly during a deep discussion over a few beers, of course.

“We had already decided to focus on local history and began talking about the Beast of Bray Road. In that discussion, someone brought up the fact that Whitewater is known as the Second Salem because it was home

to the Morris Pratt Institute,” Christon said. “As soon as Second Salem was said out loud, we knew that should be the name of the brewery.”

The Morris Pratt Institute, which operated between 1889 and the 1930s, according to an article on the Whitewater Historical Society website, was a school for studying spiritualism that included psychic research, comparative religion and evolution.

#### More than just a name

The Beast of Bray Road, a creature first reported in the 1930s on Bray Road outside of Elkhorn, is another bit of historical lore tied into Second Salem. It is also the name of its flagship beer.

The best seller at Second Salem is Old Main Golden Ale, not surprising, according to Christon, because it’s the lightest beer he brews and is touted as a bridge between light beer and craft beer. It’s named after the original name of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Bone Orchard IPA references activity reported in the area among the three cemeteries in Whitewater.

“If you draw lines connecting the three cemeteries it makes a triangle where ghosts and spirits have reportedly been seen. Bone Orchard means cemetery and there are three cemeteries in Whitewater so we use three different hops in that beer,” Christon said.

The craft beer at Second Salem with the

deepest historical connection to Whitewater is its pale wheat offering, The Reaper.

“It represents the Esterly reaper, the first machine used to harvest wheat and it was manufactured in Whitewater,” Christon said.

#### Spreading their wings

Currently, Second Salem only serves its beers in-house, usually six or seven of Christon’s brews are on tap at any given time though he also offers enough variety to draw customers who aren’t fans of craft beer.

“One person in a group who doesn’t like craft beer can keep the entire group from coming here, so we serve Wisconsin guest taps that are unique and not in direct competition to anything I serve along with some bottled beer,” Christon said.

He said there have been plans since opening a few years ago to distribute Second Salem but that goal seemed a long ways off. However, the process was sped up earlier this year when The Beast of Bray Road won a bronze medal in the American Amber Ale/Red Ale category at the 2016 World Cup Beer event in Boulder, Colo., an event that featured nearly 6,600 entries from 55 countries.

“That was huge for us, placing third at the World Beer Cup for our flagship amber ale, The Beast of Bray Road. The award drew a lot of interest and attention from potential investors which should speed up the process of us getting into distribution,” Christon said.

“That was huge for us, placing third at the World Beer Cup for our flagship amber ale, The Beast of Bray Road. The award drew a lot of interest and attention from potential investors which should speed up the process of us getting into distribution.”

— Christ Christon

There are also plans to expand the brewery at Second Salem, which doesn't offer tours but does include tours and presentations for some special parties it hosts.

The food offered at Second Salem isn't typical bar food, according to Christon, but is higher end pub food featuring specialty breads and sauces that are regularly made using in-house craft beers.

Christon recommends anyone new to Second Salem begin the first visit by requesting a free taster before ordering a full beer.

"Not everyone will like our craft beers, but we try to have something for everyone. And our Old Main Golden Ale is something many typical light beer drinkers enjoy," he said.

*Second Salem Brewing Company is located at 111 W. Whitewater St., Whitewater. For more information call (262) 473-2920, visit Second Salem Brewing Company on Facebook or secondsalem.com.*

**Christ Christon (left) owner and brewmaster of Second Salem Brewing Co. in Whitewater, is presented the bronze medal for American-Style Amber/Red Ale category for Second Salem's Beast of Bray Road Amber Ale by Charlie Papazian at the 2016 World Beer Cup in May in Boulder, Colo.**



SUBMITTED PHOTO Spirit of Geneva Lakes



# Dining Directory

**HERNANDEZ EL SARAPE - RESTAURANT & CATERING** • 212 S. 7th St., Delavan. 262-728-6443. [www.hernandez-restaurant.com](http://www.hernandez-restaurant.com). L, D, \$ ¥

**SPRECHER'S RESTAURANT & PUB** • 111 Center St., Lake Geneva. 262-248-7047. [www.sprecherspub.com](http://www.sprecherspub.com) Online ordering now available. Happy hour specials Sun.-Fri. Craft beers and gourmet sodas. America's favorite family brew pub. L, D, FF \$-\$\$\$ ¥ ☺

**PRINCESS CAFE** • 2695 Main St., East Troy. 262-642-5905. B, L, D, FF \$ ¥ ☺

**DADDY MAXWELL'S** • 150 Elkhorn Rd., Hwy. 67, Williams Bay. 262-245-5757. [www.daddymaxwells.com](http://www.daddymaxwells.com). B, L, D (Fri.), FF NC \$ ¥ ☺

**GINO'S EAST OF CHICAGO** • 300 Wrigley Dr., Lake Geneva. 262-248-2525. [www.ginoseastlakegeneva.com](http://www.ginoseastlakegeneva.com). Chicago's original deep dish pizza, Italian sandwiches, salads and entrees. L, D, \$-\$\$\$ ¥

**CHAMPS SPORTS BAR AND GRILL** • 747 W. Main St., Lake Geneva. 262-248-6008. [champslakegeneva.com](http://champslakegeneva.com). Featuring new items on our menu: hand rolled taquitos, prime rib burgers, baja fish tacos and country pot roast sandwich. L, D, FF \$ ¥

**THE CHALET** • W6904 County Rd. A, Elkhorn. Known for our fresh fish, oysters & salmon. Open Thurs., Fri. and Sat. 5pm-9pm. D, FF \$\$

**BINANTI'S TASTE OF ITALY** • 101 S. Second St., Silver Lake. 262-889-8387. Italian dining. Dinner everyday at 4pm, closed Tuesday. D, \$\$\$ ¥ ☎

**COLONY HOUSE** • Hwy. JF, Trevor. 262-862-2076. Full service restaurant. [www.colonyhouserestaurant.co](http://www.colonyhouserestaurant.co) Dinner is served Tues., Wed., Thurs. 4-9:30; Fri. & Sat. 4-10; Sun. 3:30-8:30; closed Mon. D, FF \$\$\$ ¥ ☎ ☺

**FITZGERALD'S GENOA JUNCTION** • Hwy. B, Genoa City. 262-279-5200. Featuring famous fish boils all year 'round. Open Wed.-Sun. (summer), Thurs.-Sun. (winter). D, FF \$\$

**LUCKE'S CANTINA FOOD & SPIRITS** • 220 Elkhorn Rd., Williams Bay. 262-245-6666. Choose from 15 draft beers. Open 7 days a week from 11am. L, D, \$ ¥

**MOYS RESTAURANT** • In the historic square, 3 N. Wisconsin St., Elkhorn. 262-723-3993. Chinese and American cuisine. Open 6 days a week, closed Monday. L, D, FF, \$\$ ¥

**RIGA-TONY'S DELICATEZZI ITALIANO** • 5576 C State Rd. 50, Delavan (in the Dairy Queen Plaza). 262-740-2540. Open Wed.-Sun., closed Mon. & Tues. L, D \$

**ZENDA TAP BAR & GRILL** • N560 Zenda Rd., Zenda, WI (on the south side of Geneva Lake). 262-394-4100. Open 7 days per week at 11am. L, D, FF ¥



**Key**

B: Breakfast L: Lunch D: Dinner NC: No credit cards accepted \$: Mostly under \$10 \$\$: Mostly under \$20 \$\$\$: Mostly under \$30 FF: Fish Fry ☎: Reservations requested ¥: Alcohol served ☺: Kids menu

Information is subject to change. Please contact individual restaurant for more information.

255046

# 'The legend lives on...'



## Infamous shipwreck to lead lecture series

The sinking of the freighter Edmund Fitzgerald on a stormy November night on Lake Superior in 1975 is the topic of a program that will launch a new installment of the Veranda Views lecture series.

The Black Point Estate state historical site is partnering with Horticultural Hall in Lake Geneva to once again host the popular winter lecture series.

Kicking off the series this year on Dec. 10 is Wisconsin author and storyteller Rochelle Pennington with her story about the ill-fated freighter.

The presentation runs from 1 to 3 p.m. at Horticultural Hall, 330 Broad Street, Lake Geneva. The cost is \$5 per person. Reservations can be made by calling Black Point Estate at (262) 248-1888.

No other Great Lakes shipwreck is better known than the Edmund Fitzgerald, which disappeared on Nov. 10, 1975, when wind gusts peaked at nearly 100 miles per hour and waves reached the height of three-story buildings. The Edmund Fitzgerald remains the largest shipwreck on the Great Lakes to this day.

Pennington delves into the various theories and opposing views of dive detectives who are still trying to solve the mystery of what led to the demise of the 29-man crew.

Audience members will be led from



**Rochelle Pennington**

the launch of the ship to its final radio broadcasts, and from the Fitz's discovery on Superior's bottom to the raising of artifacts from its watery grave.

This program also includes a complete circle tour of Lake Superior's extraordinary shorelines.

Pennington is an award-winning newspaper columnist and bestselling author of 10 books including "Highlighted in Yellow," (co-authored with H. Jackson Brown, a New York Times bestselling

author), "The Historic Christmas Tree Ship" (as featured on national television), "An Old-Fashioned Christmas" (2009 Midwest Booksellers Choice Award nomination), and others. Her work has been included in multiple bestselling series over the past two decades.

"Rochelle is both a lively storyteller and an entertaining lecturer so we are thrilled to bring her back to the Lake Geneva area," said Black Point's Director, David Desimone. "Last year's program on maritime archeology drew over 150 people and we expect a similar turn out for this program on the fascinating story of the Fitzgerald," Desimone added.

Additional programs in this year's series include Doll Play, A History of Doll Houses with Wisconsin Historical Society curator Leslie Bellais; Wisconsin Supper Clubs with author Mary Bergin and filmmaker Holly Deruter; Pabst: The Man and The Mansion with Pabst Mansion executive director John C. Eastberg; and The Impact of World War One on Milwaukee with Milwaukee County Historical Society archivist Kevin Abing.

For more information on any of these programs, visit Black Point Estate at [www.blackpointestate.org](http://www.blackpointestate.org).

To purchase tickets please call (262) 248-1888.

# For whom the bell tolls

## SALVATION ARMY KICKS OFF FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN IN AREA



SUBMITTED PHOTO Spirit of Geneva Lakes

Emme Swinehart, 6, and Olin Swinehart, 4, ring the bells at a Salvation Army red kettle at a Shopko store on Christmas Eve last year.

The Salvation Army in Walworth County is seeking funds to help people who continue to struggle across the county.

In response to needs of neighbors who face poverty, unemployment and rising expenses, The Salvation Army in Walworth County has launched its annual campaign, called "Share Your Blessings, Be Blessed." Its goal is remind people of the joy that comes from helping those in need.

Locally, The Salvation Army in Walworth County hopes to raise \$70,000 to help sustain the vital programs and services that help people in need in their daily struggle for survival.

The Salvation Army's time-honored Christmas campaign will include its red kettles — a holiday tradition that has served as a symbol of goodwill for more than 100 years.

"Many families are still finding it very hard to stay afloat, and we've seen it firsthand in the

numbers of people coming to us for help," said Angela Swinehart, field representative. "It's especially hard during the holiday season when so many of our neighbors don't know how they'll have the means to provide for their families. That's why The Salvation Army looks to our community for their generosity — so we can show that same compassion and kindness to the less fortunate."

The Salvation Army expects this holiday season to be one of the busiest yet. Officials stress that any contribution will help, and donations of time are accepted as gratefully as donations of money.

"Reaching out to those in need by volunteering to ring bells is a wonderful way to connect with the community, to give back, to share blessings, and to be blessed in return," Swinehart said.

To volunteer this Christmas season in Delavan, call (262) 215-7768.

### Celebrating 65 Years

# Wilmot

## AUTO SERVICE

**Complete Auto Repair on Cars & Trucks Since 1951.**

Hours: Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday 7 - 11 a.m.

11307 Fox River Rd., Wilmot, WI 53192 • (262) 862-6300

Located with the BP gas station on the corner of Hwy. C - Hwy. W

[www.wilmotautoservice.com](http://www.wilmotautoservice.com)

# LUIA'S

Since 1996...

## GOING EAST...GOING WEST... Discover The Best!

**Just off Hwy. 50 ~ 12 miles east of Lake Geneva**

*Superb Italian & American Cuisine*

### PIZZA! PIZZA! PIZZA!

*Classic thin crust, pan, stuffed & hand-tossed*

**PASTA - SANDWICHES  
BURGERS & SO MUCH MORE!**

**DINE-IN, CARRY OUT,  
DELIVERY, CATERING**

**Call ahead on your way to or  
from Lake Geneva and We'll  
Have it Hot & Ready!**

[www.luisaspizza.co](http://www.luisaspizza.co)

**Tuesday Night  
1/2 Off Thin  
Crust Pizza Night  
with cash**

**Hwy. 50 & 317th Ave., Wheatland • 12 Miles East of Lake Geneva**

## 262-537-4795



*The  
quest for  
the*

# Perfect Tree

AREA TREE FARMS ARE HERE TO  
ASSIST WITH A HOLIDAY TRADITION



**A**s the annual quest for the perfect Christmas tree begins, we again offer a bit of history surrounding this time-honored tradition as well as a few local options to assist in the search. The Christmas tree as we know it began to appear in Germany in the 1500s. The early German trees were decorated with paper roses, apples, candies, nuts and accented with strips of red paper. Then candles were added to light the tree. With the addition of the candles, fire became a danger to these households.

In the 17th and 18th centuries, the practice of hanging the tops

of Evergreen trees upside down and decorating them with fruits and nuts was popular in Austria and Germany. This has again become popular here with people hanging a smaller tree upside down to have a more avant-garde look to their decorating or for the more practical purpose of keeping small children and pets away from the tree.

By the late 1800s, hand-blown glass ornaments were produced in Germany and the area of Alsace-Lorraine (a small area on the border of Germany and France which has been part of each country over the years). Glass beads were strung together and used as garlands on the



COURTESY COUNTRYSIDE FARMS Spirit of Geneva Lakes

A whole field of evergreen trees lightly dusted with snow and waiting to become someone's Christmas tree paints an idyllic scene at Country Side Trees, Walworth.

tree. These exquisite hand-blown ornaments became family treasures and were passed down from one generation to another.

### Around the world

Today German Christmas trees are decorated with electric lights often in the style of the candles of old. Glass ornaments are the decoration of choice along with handmade chains and ornaments made by the children of the family. A special ornament in the shape of a pickle is hidden on the tree and the child who finds it receives an extra present. In olden days a real pickle was hung.

Like the early German Christmas trees, the people of France decorated the early trees with fruits, nuts, apples but also added dried cakes, pine cone dolls and colored paper shaped into flowers. Were these dried cakes the first of the holiday fruitcakes?

They began to use the glass ornaments after the 1858 drought left apples, cakes, and nuts in short supply. The glass blowers produced ornaments in the shape of the fruits that were not available. Of course candles, then electric light strings brought the tree to life. The tree was topped with a star symbolic of the Star of Bethlehem.

Queen Victoria of England brought decorated trees into the palace and, of course, the fashionable people of England followed the lead of the Monarch. Victorian-decorated trees with blown glass ornaments, jeweled ornaments and crystal or glass garlands and lit by candles gave the palace and the homes a festive appearance. Victorian style trees are still popular.

From Eastern Europe colorful candles were added to the trees and birds were made from eggs to decorate the tree. The Ukrainians also decorated with eggs but painted intricate, exquisite designs and gave them as gifts to friends and family to decorate their trees.

In the early 1800s, the Scandinavian countries began the practice of decorating Christmas trees. Their trees had a very different look. White lights, first candles and then electric strings of lights, lit up the



## Binanti's Taste of Italy

**Italian Dining & Fine Wine in an Intimate Setting**

**FREE \$20 GIFT CARD**

*WITH PURCHASE OF EVERY \$100 IN GIFT CARDS*

**OPEN CHRISTMAS EVE FOR CATERING ONLY**

**CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY**

---

**OPEN NEW YEAR'S EVE & NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**SPECIAL MENU SELECTIONS AVAILABLE**

**ALONG WITH REGULAR MENU ~ CALL FOR DETAILS**

**ORDER YOUR HOLIDAY CATERING!**

---

**LET US TAKE THE WORK OUT...  
SO YOU CAN RELAX & ENJOY**

**[binantiscatering.com](http://binantiscatering.com)**

Our Quaint Dining Room is Available Afternoons for Private Use up to 40 People. Gift Certificates and Wine Gift Baskets Available.

**Restaurant Hours:**  
Dinner Everyday at 4pm  
Closed Tuesdays

**101 South Second Street  
Silver Lake, WI • 262.889.8387**

A Country Drive on Hwy 50 ~ 15  
Minutes East of Lake Geneva &  
15 Minutes West of I-94 ~ South  
on Hwy B at the Stoplight

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR A TASTE  
OF ALL WE HAVE TO OFFER**

**[binantistasteofitaly.com](http://binantistasteofitaly.com)**

 **LIKE US ON FACEBOOK**

tree. Swedish or Norwegian flags would be attached to ribbons and hung from the top of the tree to the bottom. Straw ornaments in the shapes of stars, angels, or intricate designs were the most popular. Tole painting on wood often on a piece of wood in the shape of a heart could also be found hanging on the tree.

The people of Norway each year since 1947 have given a Norwegian Spruce to the people of London in gratitude for their support in helping to protect Norway during World War II. The tree is usually 50 feet tall and 50-60 years old. It is displayed in Trafalgar Square in London with a very impressive lighting ceremony that is still well attended after all these years.

### Closer to home

The early trees in America were usually decorated the same way as the family had decorated in Europe. Through the years American Christmas trees have taken on new looks. Today themed trees with ornaments all of one color or one type – such as all snowmen, angels or Santas – are popular. Victorian trees are also common.

For many, trees are a combination of ornaments from the past and present. We add new ones to the tree but continue to hold onto Grandma's glass ornament from Germany, the ones we purchased while on vacation, the ornaments given to children and those special ornaments made by our children.

Whatever the customs and traditions, Christmas trees are a fragrant reminder of the season.

Here's a listing of Spirit magazine's preferred area tree farms:

### Country Side Trees

W7015 N. Walworth Road, Walworth. (262) 275-5105. [www.countrysidetreeswi.com](http://www.countrysidetreeswi.com).

Cut your own trees or purchase freshly cut trees, freshly made wreaths and garlands available. Open until Dec. 24. Weekday hours Monday through Friday 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Choose from white pines, scotch pines, blue spruce, Fraser fir and Norway pines. Assistance is available through the Upper Midwest Newfoundland Club and the Janesville/Beloit Kennel Club.

Special adoption events featuring dogs from Lakeland Animal Shelter will be held on Dec. 10 and 11.

### Evergreen Acres

N9171 Wilson Rd., East Troy, (262) 495-4502 [www.evergreenacresllc.com](http://www.evergreenacresllc.com).

Family owned and operated by Ann and Bob Fecht since 1975, Evergreen offers 33 acres of pine, spruce, and fir trees where you can choose and cut your own trees. Shaking

and baling your tree is available as well.

Visit the heated barn where you will find a great selection of trees, handmade wreaths, garlands, swags, arches, crosses, and candy canes from fresh cut greens are available. Enjoy complimentary cocoa and cider.

Open through Christmas Eve from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Cash and checks are accepted. Bring your own saw or use theirs. No chain saws allowed.

### T.P. Pines

On Holy Hill Road just west of St. John's Church, Twin Lakes, (262) 877-2797 or (262) 877-2344.

Bob Livingston of T.P. Trees welcomes

all to choose one of their freshly cut trees from an array of Fraser firs, balsam or white pine trees. He advises that Fraser firs are the "Cadillac of Christmas Trees" due to fragrance and needle retention. Balsam is also very fragrant and has a flat needle. White Pine is a basic lumber tree, which also works well as a Christmas tree if you have lightweight ornaments. Scotch pines with long needles are also available.

T.P. Pines will help load trees into vehicles or provide delivery within 10 miles. Prices vary depending on type of tree and size. It is open from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends.



FILE PHOTO Spirit of Geneva Lakes

Whether a trip to a local tree lot, or an excursion to a tree farm to cut your own, Christmas tree shopping is a family affair.

## Why buy a real tree?

Here are some facts to consider from the Wisconsin Christmas Tree Producers Association.

- Christmas trees are grown as a crop for you, just like pumpkins and flowers.
- Christmas tree farming is sustainable: two to three trees are planted for every one that is cut.
- Trees are locally grown, keeping money in the local economy.
- Tree farming provides local jobs each year (planting, digging, re-planting, shearing, mowing, harvesting, delivery, sales, machine maintenance, wreath making, office personnel).
- Tree farms provide green space and habitat for wildlife. These farms are maintained in an early succession forest with young trees and plenty of ground covers. This provides habitat for deer and bear, ground birds such as turkey and quail, rodents, which bring in predators such as hawks, foxes, and bobcats, and flowering plants that help feed butterflies, bees and all manner of insects.
- Real trees are good for us. They utilize carbon dioxide, produce oxygen, recyclable through decomposition.
- Celebrating the holiday season with a real Christmas tree is a long-standing tradition. In 1856, Franklin Pierce, our 14th President, brought the first Christmas tree into the White House.



# A ride on the Christmas Express

## RINGING IN THE HOLIDAYS ON THE EAST TROY RAILROAD

The East Troy Railroad Museum's 2016 Christmas Express Trains are set for their magical round-trip from the East Troy depot to Santa's Workshop at The Elegant Farmer in Mukwonago.

Children can visit with Santa, enjoy cookies and hot chocolate, plus take home a small gift.

The historic railroad cars are heated and rest rooms are available at the East Troy depot.

Tickets can be purchased online anytime – or at the depot at 2002 Church St., East Troy, on Saturdays and Sundays through Nov. 6. Adults are \$15 and children (ages 0-14) are \$17.50. Advance reservations are strongly recommended.

Trains will depart at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. on the following Saturdays and Sundays Dec. 3 and 4, 10



and 11, and 17 and 18.

Purchase tickets at [www.easttroyrr.org/christmas-train](http://www.easttroyrr.org/christmas-train).

The East Troy Railroad Museum operates regular 14-mile round trip excursions from its historic East Troy depot and museum to Indianhead Park in Mukwonago, with a stop at the popular Elegant Farmer store and deli.

Celebrating 109 years of riding the rails through southeast Wisconsin's Kettle Moraine countryside, this not-for-profit railroad continues to be

operated and managed by more than 130 volunteers committed to the operation and preservation of historic trolleys and interurban railcars.

For more information, visit [www.easttroyrr.org](http://www.easttroyrr.org) or call (262) 642-3263.

**DEREK'S LLC**  
**PLUMBING**  
& **HYDRONIC HEATING**  
Residential Heating & Cooling Service



Residential  
Heating & Cooling Service  
New Construction  
Remodeling



**Derek Harkness**

MP#221552 • Elkhorn, Wis.

**(262)723-4240**

[www.dereksplumbing.com](http://www.dereksplumbing.com)

236954

## Join Us in the Irish Woods Restaurant

DINNER IN THE IRISH WOODS WED.-SUN FROM 5 PM • DINNER SPECIALS

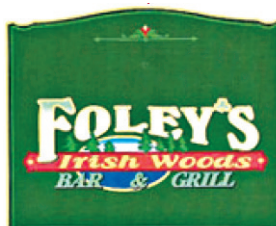
**Friday Fish & Chips**  
Every Friday at 5 pm

**WEDNESDAY**  
Corned Beef & Cabbage

**THURSDAY**  
Lamb Shanks Braised  
in Stout



OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK 11 a.m.



UNTIL BAR TIME



LIKE US ON  
FACEBOOK

DAILY IN FOLEY'S BAR & GRILL  
Home of the famous 1/2 Lb Foley  
Burgers, Fresh-Squeezed  
Lemonade Shake Up

2.5 miles west of Lake Geneva on Hwy 50

**262-245-6966**

Food for the Hungry, Rest for the Weary, Good Drinks for All

237014



The East Troy Electric Railroad Museum will offer its annual Christmas Express Trains on weekends through Dec. 18. The railroad cars are heated and run on Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

# Library visitors invited to catch the gingerbread man

Families and children are welcome to "Catch the Gingerbread Man" at the Lake Geneva Public Library from 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 3.

In celebration of Lake Geneva's Christmas parade the same day, participants will be encouraged to decorate paper ornaments in the shape of gingerbread men. Also, a gingerbread-themed story time will take place at 11 a.m. and is especially designed for children 2 to 6 years old. At the gingerbread story time, youth services librarian Sara Soukup will read stories and encourage children to play games and sing songs all about gingerbread men. Walk-ins are welcome, and children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. The programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Lake Geneva Public Library.

Participants who "catch" a hidden gingerbread man in the Friends of the Lake Geneva Public Library stocking stuffer sale on the same day will win a free book. The Friends' sale will feature hundreds of children's and young adult books as well as books for adults.

Paper ornaments, stickers, glitter and metallic markers will be provided for the gingerbread men ornament workshop. Participants who make gingerbread men ornaments may place them on a special holiday tree in the youth services area of the library or to take them home to put on their holiday trees or to give as gifts.

More information can be obtained from Soukup at (262) 249-5299 or [soukup@lakegeneva.lib.wi.us](mailto:soukup@lakegeneva.lib.wi.us) or by visiting the library's Facebook page or [lakegeneva.lib.wi.us](http://lakegeneva.lib.wi.us).



## MOY'S

### RESTAURANT

**Chinese & American Cuisine**



*Hours:*  
Tues., Wed., Thurs. Luncheon  
11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Dinner 5:00-9:30 p.m.  
Fri. Luncheon 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Dinner 5:00-10:30 p.m.  
Saturday Dinner 4:00-10:30 p.m.  
Sunday Dinner 4:00-9:00 p.m.  
Monday Closed

**LUNCHEONS/DINNERS  
COCKTAILS/TROPICAL DRINKS  
CARRY OUT SERVICE**

**(262) 723-3993**

**3 N. Wis., Elkhorn, on the Square**  
*Located 8 miles west of Lake Geneva*  
[www.moysrestaurant.com](http://www.moysrestaurant.com)

240440

Now Open In Fontana  
Next to the Frog!



**NICK'S UPHOLSTERY  
LIDIA DESIGN**

543 Valley View Dr. Fontana, WI  
262.394.5658

Interior Design Services  
Furniture for Sale  
Gifts, Home Accessories

**Mon -Fri 10-5 Sat 9-3  
Sun by Appt**

253877



# Food is the star at SOPHISTICATERING

## BUT THE PERSONAL SERVICE ISN'T FAR BEHIND

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**

CORRESPONDENT

In 1992 Matt and Annette Flynn established a catering business in Kenosha that offers customers a very different choice in the types of food that can be served at their social parties – whether they are wedding receptions, business meetings, anniversaries, family reunions or any other gathering where guests expect to receive high quality foods.

Matt began working in kitchens at the age of 14 doing anything that needed to be done and advancing in his profession until he achieved the status of executive chef at the Country Inn in Pewaukee. Then it was time for Annette and Matt to strike out on their own and thus Sophisticatering was born.

The plan was to focus on fresh, made-from-scratch foods using fine quality green and organic ingredients. They purchased the building at 8048 Sheridan Road, Kenosha, and turned it into a high-end professional kitchen with stainless steel prep space to prepare for any size event.

It is rather ironic when visiting Sophisticatering to notice this business – which focuses on

All breads and rolls served by Sophisticatering are baked fresh on the day of the event.



Under a large tent, this attractive buffet table with fresh organic vegetables attracts guests at an outdoor event.

**Fresh Meats ~ Seafood ~ Deli ~ Bakery ~ Liquor ~ Produce**

# All Our Holiday Best!



## piggly wiggly®

**Ornaments from Piggly Wiggly Giving Tree will be available starting Friday, Nov. 18.**

### OUR 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GIVING TREE

- Pick a Gift Ornament from our Christmas Tree in Lake Geneva, Delavan or Kenosha
- Purchase the Gift Item
- Return the Unwrapped Gift to any of the stores with the ornament attached no later than Friday, Dec. 2

*The gifts will be given to the Holiday Care Drive in Walworth and Kenosha County along with non-perishable food items donated by Stinebrink's Piggly Wiggly*

**OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!**  
 6am-10pm  
 Kenosha - 80th St.  
 7am-9pm

**4 LOCATIONS:**

- 100 E. Geneva Square  
Geneva Square Shopping Center  
Lake Geneva, 262-248-8798
- 1414 E. Geneva St.,  
Shopko Shopping Center  
Delavan, 262-728-2638
- 7600 Pershing Blvd.  
In the Pershing Plaza  
Kenosha 262-764-1954
- 2215 80th Street  
In the Sunnyside Plaza  
Kenosha 262-654-6961







**Fresh Meats ~ Seafood ~ Deli ~ Bakery ~ Liquor ~ Produce**

263054



“We are a green caterer, which means that all our foods are either organic or all natural. Our meats are always USDA choice or prime cuts. We never use any lower grades of meats.”

healthy and organic foods – is tucked between two fast food restaurants, the very antithesis of the healthy style of eating that is encouraged by Sophisticatering.

### Natural ingredients

Sophisticatering is not the traditional catering company that uses a variety of processed and previously prepared foods that are defrosted and heated.

“Our plan was to offer a healthy and flavorful change from catering companies that use chemicalized and over-processed foods,” Annette said. “We are a green caterer, which means that all our foods are either organic or all natural. Our meats are always USDA choice or prime cuts. We never use any lower grades of meats. Our seafood is wild caught or if it is necessary to purchase farm raised we only accept fish or seafood raised on carefully tended farms raised without the use of hormones or colorings.”

It is easy to see the passion both Annette and Matt put into their catering company.

On a tour through their kitchen, Matt pointed out the entire wall of ovens to prepare foods.

“Everything we serve is made from scratch including all the sauces, soups, and salad dressings, which are prepared the day of the event,” he said. “Even all the sausage served is made on site, never purchased. The sausages are made with USDA choice or prime cuts of meat and seasoned with fresh herbs and spices.”

He went on to add that some of the herbs are grown by the Flynn.

Poultry is often a favorite choice for catered dinners as most people enjoy it and it fits in their diet plans. If chicken



SUBMITTED PHOTO Spirit of Geneva Lakes

This beautiful tray of shrimp will not last long. A favorite, whether served as an appetizer or part of a salad, the shrimp used by Sophisticatering are from the Pacific Ocean.



SUBMITTED PHOTO Spirit of Geneva Lakes

Trays of attractive dips make their way to the buffet tables. The dips are creatively plated with fresh veggies and homemade bread and designed to please all guests.



Sophisticatering owner Matt Flynn displays his smoker, which can be brought to any venue. The smoker quickly becomes a conversation piece especially among the men at the event.

Karen & Eugene  
"Gooch" Stevens  
and Bruce & Lisa  
Francart



**Colony House**  
RESTAURANT

**GREAT BARBECUED RIBS  
PRIME RIB  
SEAFOOD & MORE!**

Hwy JF, Trevor, WI (1 mile north of Antioch)  
262-862-2076  
Open Tues., Wed., Thurs. 4-9:30 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 4-10 p.m.; Sun. 3:30-8:30 p.m.; Closed Mon.  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [colonyhouserestaurant.co](http://colonyhouserestaurant.co)

**Happy Holidays  
to all Our Dear Friends**

Thanks for making 2015 another wonderful  
year. Best wishes for the New Year to come from  
all of us at The Colony House!  
**MAKE YOUR NEW YEAR'S EVE  
RESERVATIONS EARLY!**

**GIFT CERTIFICATE SPECIAL THRU  
DECEMBER 2016 · Buy \$100 Certificate  
and Get a \$20 Colony House Coupon**

**WE STILL HAVE OPENINGS FOR  
YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTIES!**  
Please Take Note...We Will Be Closed  
Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & New Year's Day

**HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

**The Rustic Realm**  
Lodge Décor Furniture Store • 262-728-8241  
Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday

**Upholstered  
& Log  
Furniture**

*Lodge décor isn't just  
for cabins anymore!*

**Rustic Elegance  
at Its Best!**

N4522 County Road F, Elkhorn, WI  
15 min. from Lake Geneva  
[www.therusticrealm.com](http://www.therusticrealm.com)  
Find us on Facebook

**Unique & Distinctive**

260501

**Swiss Maid Bakery**  
5th Generation Family Owned Quality Baking

**10% Off**  
Gingerbread House Kits

Cut-out gingerbread pieces, easy  
direction and includes generous  
amount of icing. Makes a fun  
family project for all ages!

Available at the Harvard and Woodstock  
locations while supplies last.  
Code: SM1109

**Order Now  
for the  
Holidays!**

**Swiss Maid Bakery**  
5th Generation Family Owned Quality Baking  
Two Locations to Serve You Better  
104 Brainard, Harvard, IL • Phone 815-943-4252  
122 N. Benton St., Woodstock IL • Phone 815-338-0414  
[www.swissmaidbakery.com](http://www.swissmaidbakery.com)

Over 30  
Varieties of  
Cookies!

Build  
Your  
Own!

184820

is chosen for the main course, you can rest assured that the poultry used has been raised under free-range conditions and their diet consisted of naturally grown food without growth hormones.

### Fresh-baked bread

Matt said all the bread and rolls used are baked that day. "They usually come out of the oven at 2 p.m. for an evening reception," he added.

As the discussion turned to desserts the Flynns again emphasized that not only are the breads and rolls baked from scratch so are all the desserts. These, too, are made from the finest quality flours, whole grains, pure vanilla that has been made in house, butter and sugar.

Matt mentioned that one of their popular desserts is the s' mores bar a favorite especially at outdoor venues. Most would assume that he used prepared marshmallows, but he pulled out a pan to show that he actually makes his own marshmallows.

"Commercially prepared marshmallows contain blue dye and since we don't use anything with dyes, we have to make our own," he said. The homemade marshmallows have a little different look as Matt slices them in squares rather than the round shape used in commercial marshmallows.

### Taking it on the road

As any chef is excited about his stoves, ovens and grills, Matt is no exception. That equipment includes a very large grill, which is pulled by truck, and can be taken to any venue as needed. The grill is often taken to sites especially for outdoor events.

They also have a large smoker, which is portable to take onsite, and is usually popular with the men attending the event. "You can see them wishing they had one for their outdoor cooking," said Matt.

These items along with a refrigerated truck and a heated truck make it possible for the freshly prepared foods to be transported to the venue and arrive in prime condition. Many foods are partially cooked then transported to the venue where cooking is completed in the venue's kitchen and if that isn't available the grill and smoker travel with them.

Their policy of providing fresh and locally produced green or organic produce and meats affects not only their business, but it also extends into their family life. As the parents of 10 children between the ages of 4 and 20, teaching them to eat healthy foods for optimum health is a priority.

Not only do they provide healthy and tasty foods, but their buffet tables are beautiful to look at. They have a wide array of chafing dishes and other servers and using their artistic talent always provide a beautiful table. Linens are available for the tables in a variety of colors to suit an array of color schemes.



**Above:** Annette and Matt Flynn are photographed with their 10 children, ranging in age from 4 to 20. Some of the older children help with setup for the events.



**Left:** Ready for dessert? This beautifully decorated lemon poppy seed cake is sure to grab your attention. Like all the foods produced by Sophisticatering the cakes are made with the finest ingredients.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS Spirit of Geneva Lakes

### Holiday demand

With the holidays approaching, Sophisticatering finds itself busier than ever. In addition to the usual wedding receptions, there are corporate parties, family gatherings, including family reunions, and smaller parties like showers,

baptisms, and anniversary parties. Considering a New Year's gathering? Check with Sophisticatering for the possibility of having it catered.

When holding a large event there are many choices to be made aside from the food itself. First a venue must be chosen. If customers do not have a space in mind,

This display of fresh smoked trout and fresh crudités brings guests to the table.



SUBMITTED PHOTO Spirit of Geneva Lakes

## Lake Geneva Pie Company

Old Fashioned Pies Made Fresh Daily

No canned syrups here ... just great combinations of tasty fruits to tempt your taste buds. Natural pies available (no sugar added).



### Eat-In or Take-Out

- ◆ Fruit Pies
- ◆ Cream Pies
- ◆ Soups, Seasonal
- ◆ Sandwiches
- ◆ Quiches
- ◆ Flavored Coffees
- ◆ Cappuccino
- ◆ Cookies
- ◆ Muffins
- ◆ Ice Cream
- ◆ Fund Raisers
- ◆ Shipping Available

Gluten Free  
pies available!

150 East Geneva Square  
Geneva Square Shopping Center

**262-248-5100**

lgpie.com

A family owned company ...

Hours:

M-F 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sat.: 6:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sun.: Seasonal

254157



Always Remember That  
Antique Mall

ANTIQUES • COLLECTIBLES  
DECORATIVE ITEMS

10,000 sq. ft.  
100+ Dealers

RememberThatAntiques.com **262-843-1786**

**ITEMS SO UNIQUE, YOU CAN  
DESIGN A ROOM AROUND THEM**



**HOLIDAY SALE STARTS**  
Tuesday, Nov. 22 thru Monday Jan. 9, 2017

**DISCOUNTS  
UP TO 50%**

Open 7 Days a Week • 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**WE ARE BIGGER THAN YOU THINK!**

On HWY 50, 1/2 mile West of McDonald's in  
Paddock Lake, 18 minutes east of Lake Geneva, WI



259748

Matt and Annette can help them locate the perfect venue for the size, style and budget of the event. Their primary areas of service include Kenosha, Racine, Burlington, Walworth County, Lake Geneva, Milwaukee, Waukegan, and Lake County in Illinois.

The type of event, the venue in which it will be held, and the type of food service that is the dream of the hosts are all important in choosing the style of service and the choice of foods.

According to Annette there are three basic styles of service – buffet style, family style, and plated sit-down dinners. No matter what the style chosen, the same fine quality and attention to detail will be given to the presentation.

“Sometimes a combination of styles may be used,” Annette said. “An appetizer buffet or a buffet with appetizers and salad may begin the meal. Then the guests will sit down for a family style main course or a plated dinner.” Any style of service desired can be accomplished, she said.

One of the most popular venues for wedding receptions in the summer are barns. There are several barn venues in the area. Many of these outdoor parties or weddings have various themes. Imagine a Harley-Davidson themed wedding? If motorcycles are an important part of your life this may be a choice.

## Menu choices

Sophisticatering offers a large number of menu choices, which can be viewed on their website. They are open to working with brides to devise a menu of their choice. Allergies a problem? Matt and Annette are knowledgeable about food allergies and sensitivities and are happy to make accommodations to meet the needs of the client and their guests. Not only are traditional catering foods available, but ethnic foods can also be prepared. Tell them what you would like and they will work with you to serve it.

In addition to the high quality foods available, personal service is another reason to plan an event here. When customers contact them it is Annette or Matt that will be available to speak with them. The Flynns never book more than two events at the same time so that either Matt or Annette can be there throughout the event to handle small problems before they become large ones. Often both will be at the event.

Matt and Annette have been involved in many community activities. One of these is the annual Madrigal Feast sponsored by the local high schools. The event will be held Dec. 8 through 11.



SUBMITTED PHOTO Spirit of Geneva Lakes

**There is always a choice of a buffet, family style meals or the traditional plated dinner when Sophisticatering prepares the food. Pictured is a plated dinner with fresh mixed vegetables and a baked potato.**

Over these days, approximately 350 people will be served an eight-course dinner cooked by Sophisticatering and served by 50-60 pages and wenches in authentic garb. Entertainment will be provided by the high school students.

The combination of personalized attention and service, made-from-scratch, healthy and tasty organic food, make working with Sophisticatering a pleasure and a way to ensure your wedding or social gathering meets all your expectations.

Contact Sophisticatering, 8048 Sheridan Rd., Kenosha, by calling (262) 620-3663, visit their website [www.sophisticatering.com](http://www.sophisticatering.com) or visit them on Facebook or follow on Twitter.



SUBMITTED PHOTO Spirit of Geneva Lakes

**Jalapeno peppers, olives, onions, cheese and salsa are attractively displayed on a buffet table by Sophisticatering. Ethnic themed buffets are a favorite for many gatherings.**



SUBMITTED PHOTOS Spirit of Geneva Lakes



In what has become a holiday tradition, Grand Geneva Resort and Spa will again be festooned with 2 million lights in celebration of the season.



## Christmas Trees

(Saws Provided)

CUT YOUR OWN	FRESH CUT TREES
White Pine Colorado Spruce Norway Spruce <i>Cut your own and fresh trees cut</i>	White Pine Colorado Spruce Fraser Fir <i>Cut your own and fresh trees cut</i>

**2016 Hours**  
**OPEN**  
 Nov. 19 to Dec. 24  
 Weekdays: 10am-4:30pm  
 Weekends: 9am-4:30pm

**See Event Calander:**  
[www.countrysidetreeswi.com](http://www.countrysidetreeswi.com)  
**Closed Thanksgiving Day**



Country  
Side  
Trees



Wreaths  
Boughs  
Garland

W7015 N. Walworth Rd.,  
Walworth

262-275-5105

260428

## Doheny's

# Fitness Frenzy

Visit our retail store, for a large selection of Pools, Fitness, Spas, Patio, Supplies and more!

**SCHWINN**  
 Journey 2.0  
 Recumbent  
 Bike  
 for only  
**\$399**

**SCHWINN**  
 Journey 4.0  
 Elliptical  
 for only  
**\$699**

**15 Spas for  
 UNDER  
 \$7,999**



**Save BIG**  
**\$50-\$1000 OFF**  
In-stock Fitness Equipment

**SPIRIT**  
 XT185 Treadmill  
 for only ~~\$1499~~  
**\$1099**

Doheny's

Water Warehouse

5102 Green Bay Rd, Kenosha | [Doheny.com](http://Doheny.com)

M - F 10-7 | Sat 10-5 | Sun 11-4 | 262-654-3341

263736

# Making spirits bright

Resort will again be aglow throughout the holiday season

The Grand Geneva Resort and Spa will again twinkle and glow with 2 million lights creating a winter wonderland in the heart of the Geneva Lakes area during the holiday season.

Celebrating its 21st year, Christmas in the Country is an annual event complete with a variety of activities from breakfast with Santa to classic Christmas tale readings and festive holiday teas. The six-week long celebration welcomes locals and guests alike to share in the festive holiday spirit and includes the following events and programs:

- **Breakfast with Santa** – Almost as fun as Christmas morning. Come in your PJs or dressed in your holiday best, everyone will enjoy live holiday music, buffets for adults and kids, and fun seasonal activities. Dine every Saturday and Sunday morning, through Dec. 20, as well as Dec. 21-24, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Prices range from \$8 (kids 2-5) to \$15 (kids 6-12) and \$25 for adults. Reservations are recommended by calling (262) 249-4788.

- **Christmas Musical: A Christmas Portrait** – Take a stroll down memory lane with this timeless musical treasure featuring popular holiday songs and moments that bring the season to life. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for children 14 and under. Call the box office at (262) 203-8110 to reserve your seat.

- **Photo Opportunities** – Capture the memory of this holiday season with a life sized interactive gingerbread house and polar bear photo stations. Hop in the photo frame by the gingerbread house and pose by a frosted winter wonderland complete with a life sized polar bear, frosted trees and sound effects.

- **Holiday Lights** – Don't miss the light show on the 30-foot Christmas tree using 14 million colors on display every day just before the trolley tour of lights. Just inside the main entrance, the 20-foot lobby Christmas tree is just as stunning, even featuring a snow machine during the daily Elf Mail Run.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS Spirit of Geneva Lakes

**Grand Geneva's Christmas in the Country celebration includes special holiday programs and lodging packages.**

- **Elf Mail Run** – Drop off letters to Santa at a magical mailbox in the main lobby. See Santa's helpers stop by to collect the mail at 4 p.m. daily to deliver it to the North Pole.

- **Gingerbread House Display** – Area residents display their candy-created masterpieces through the holidays.

- **Meet Santa** – Visit with Santa and his elves in the lobby, and enjoy live holiday performances from local high school students, every Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. through Dec. 19.

- **Classic Holiday Tale** – Relax and listen to a classic holiday story come to life every Friday evening at 8:30 p.m. in the lobby. Pajamas and slippers are encouraged.

- **Festive Holiday Tea** – Grand Geneva

will serve special afternoon holiday tea daily from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Dec. 27 in the Grand Geneva lobby. Reserve a table and take a step back in time and tradition by calling (262) 249-4788.

- **New Year's Eve** – Ring in the New Year in Grand style. Whether celebrating over a romantic meal in one of the Grand Geneva's restaurants, with a gathering of friends, or with your family, Grand Geneva offers a variety of packages and dining options and a fireworks display to ring in the New Year.

## Packages and deals

For those seeking overnight packages during the holiday season, Grand Geneva's Christmas in the Country includes a one-

night stay, two tickets to "A Christmas Portrait" and \$100 dining credit.

The "A Christmas Portrait" package at Timber Ridge Lodge and Waterpark includes a one-night stay in a suite, four waterpark passes, and four tickets to "A Christmas Portrait."

### Ski season at the resort

In addition to the lights, shows and on-property events, the resort also features The Mountain Top ski hill with 18 runs and a terrain park full of snow all winter long.

To kick off the season, ski for free opening weekend Dec. 5-6, at Mountain Top by bringing in a canned food donation and bringing the voucher from the Grand Geneva Facebook page.

The resort offers a frequent skier punch card again this year. With the purchase of one punch card for \$250, receive 10 lift tickets for use any time during the ski season. With no limits on when or who can use the tickets, family and friends can partake in the fun. For more information, please call (262) 249-4726.

For more information on Christmas in the Country, The Mountain Top or for reservations, call (800) 558-3417 or visit [www.GrandGeneva.com](http://www.GrandGeneva.com).

A 30-foot-high Christmas tree in an array of sparkling lights greets visitors at the main entrance to Grand Geneva.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS Spirit of Geneva Lakes

**Our 10th Anniversary**  
N4403 County Road H • Elkhorn, Wisconsin 53121

# The Christmas Barn

An Experience Worth Waiting For

A Charming Holiday Atmosphere featuring antiques, gifts and an eclectic group of artisans showcasing their creativity.

**Friday: 10-5**  
**Saturday: 10-5**  
**Sunday 11-4**

**Nov. 4 - DEC. 18**  
**SEVEN HOLIDAY WEEKENDS!**

Like us on Facebook  
[www.ChristmasBarnLakeGeneva.com](http://www.ChristmasBarnLakeGeneva.com)

*In the Heart of Walworth County.  
Centrally Located Between Elkhorn,  
Delavan and Lake Geneva*

KENSINGTON • BIGHORN • FABTRON • OVATION • CHARLIE ONE HORSE • ANDERSON BEAN • RW BOWMAN • COURTS • ALAMO

## Your Cowboy Christmas Headquarters!

Equestrian Gifts Galore!  
**Wisconsin's Largest Western & English Saddlery**

**Christmas Open House**  
December 2 - 4

**WEST 20 RANCH AND SADDLE CO.**  
[www.west20.com](http://www.west20.com)  
W4812 Hwy 20, East Troy, WI (262) 642-4272  
Just 20 Minutes from Lake Geneva open 10am-6pm 7 days a week!

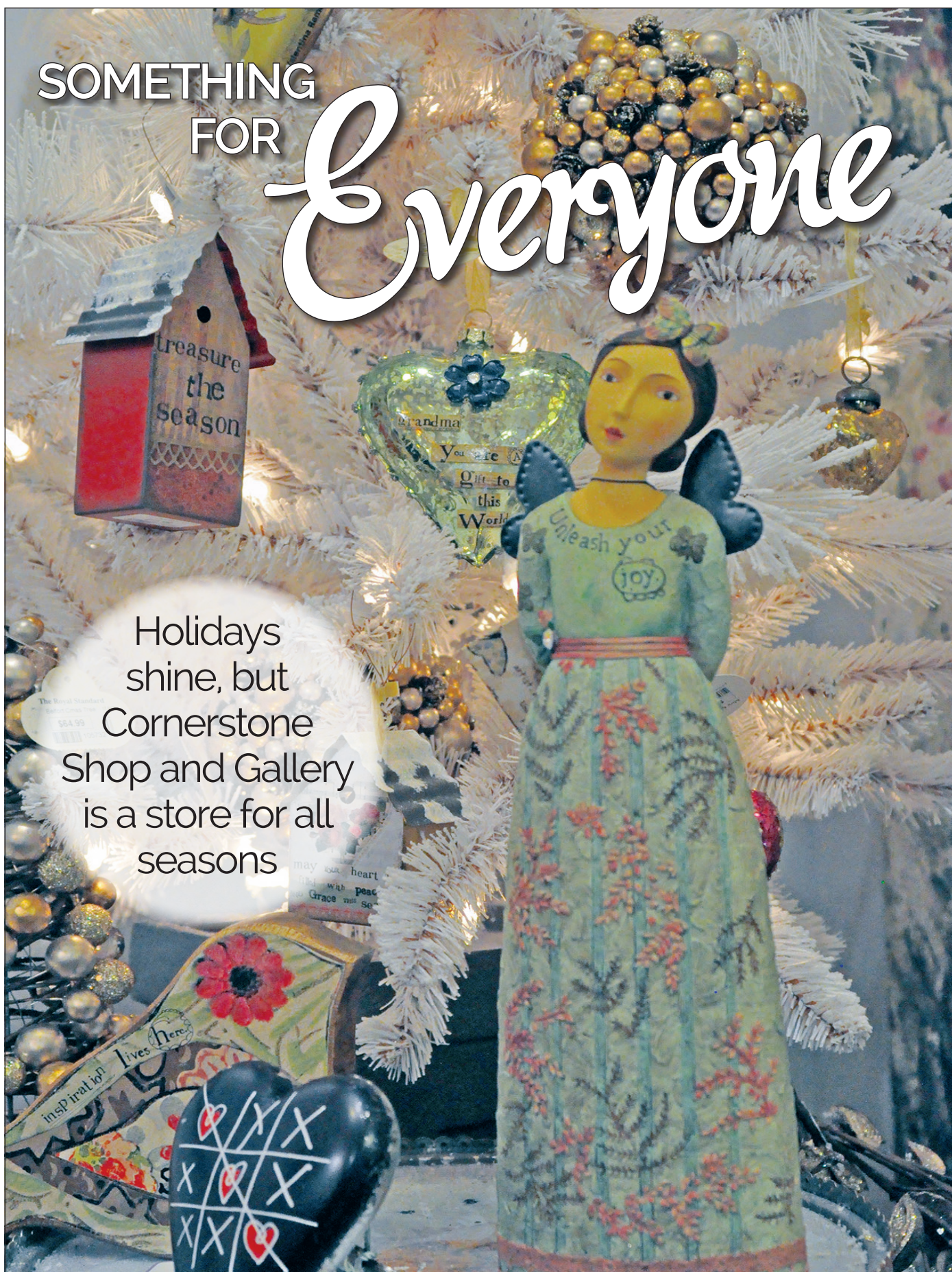
CINCH • CRATES • JUSTIN • PESSOA • IRIDEON • WEAVER • MAD COW • BILLY COOK • RESISTOL • CORRAL • BAILEY

OUTBACK TRADING CO. • NOCONA • WRANGLER • ARIAT • MONTANA SILVERSMITHS

SOMETHING  
FOR

# Everyone

Holidays  
shine, but  
Cornerstone  
Shop and Gallery  
is a store for all  
seasons



# Cornerstone carves a niche with personal service



Cornerstone Shop and Gallery is at 214 Broad St. in the heart of downtown Lake Geneva.

DAVE FIDLIN Spirit of Geneva Lakes

by **Dave Fidlin**  
STAFF WRITER

**I**t's a lofty goal, and one Karin Bennett constantly strives to achieve as she continuously evolves her business in the heart of Lake Geneva's historic shopping district.

"There's something here for everybody," said Bennett, the co-owner of Cornerstone Shop and Gallery, as she points to her mission statement. She runs the 10,000-square-foot store with her husband, Bruce Bennett, in a space that once hosted a local Ben Franklin variety and craft store.

A smidgen of those Ben Franklin roots are still interspersed into Cornerstone, though the Bennetts have evolved the store's product line into a number of categories that snugly fit into the overarching lifestyle category.

A sample of Cornerstone's merchandise includes home décor, handmade ceramics, a bridal-themed gift section, jewelry, linens, original art, women's clothing, cards, candles and furniture.

A range of services, including decorating consultations, is also on the list of offerings. In a nod to its gift-focused merchandise line, Cornerstone also offers free wrapping for purchases made inside the store.

**225 Broad Street, Lake Geneva, Wis.**  
**262-248-2827**

Also in St. Armands Circle, Sarasota, & Naples, FL  
[www.ohmygauze.com](http://www.ohmygauze.com)

**Unique Accessories  
for that Special Lady**

263737

“

We want to work with every customer and figure out what their needs are so we can meet them.”

—Karin Bennett

“We love making people’s homes beautiful,” Bennett said, pointing to a theme that is interwoven into the thousands of products available within the shop at any given time.

#### A LOCAL APPROACH

In keeping with the shop-local spirit, Bennett said efforts are made to promote local artists and authors, whenever possible. Prominently displayed are books written by artists in Southeastern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois.

One such author, Kathi Frelk, of Barrington, Ill., was on hand recently to sign copies of her inspirational and informative book, “Kathi’s Cookie Chronicles.” Cornerstone offered a cookie decorating class in conjunction with the event.

Bennett, who has served on the Lake Geneva Convention and Visitors Bureau the past decade, said giving back to the community is another important mission statement within her business model.

As an outgrowth of that involvement, Cornerstone frequently takes part in local events that are designed to strengthen Downtown Lake Geneva’s magnetism locally and to tourists.



The holiday accent galleries at Cornerstone Shop feature decor to suit a variety of tastes. At left: The shop offers a variety of ornaments, some custom made by such popular artists as Christopher Radko.

PHOTOS BY ED NADOLSKI and DAVE FIDLIN  
Spirit of Geneva Lakes

Bringing the Best  
in Care to Walworth County

**10%  
Discount for  
Veteran's**

...Time to make your move!

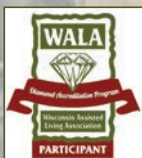


## Tender Reflections

An Assisted Living Community  
**Specializing in Memory Care**

Respecting Mind, Body & Spirit

**Call Today**  
**262-723-1344 or 715-551-9878**  
1550 North Country Club Parkway  
Elkhorn, Wis.  
[www.TenderReflectionsal.com](http://www.TenderReflectionsal.com)



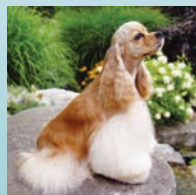
263739

# Happy Holidays Cedar Dale Pet Resort

**STOP IN AND MEET NEW OWNER KELLY EVERSON**

**Boarding | Grooming | Doggie Daycare | Retail**

~ Now offering pick up/drop off services ~



Style



Play



Stay

**COUPON**  
**\$10 OFF**  
(New Customers)  
any full service  
grooming, boarding or  
doggie daycare  
Expires 12/31/16. One coupon per customer.  
Nail trims excluded.

## 262-279-3900

**N1538 N. Daisy Dr., Genoa City, WI**  
(Highway 12 at the Pell Lake Dr. exit)

[www.cedardalepetresort.com](http://www.cedardalepetresort.com)

263791



**Happy Holidays From Sorgs!**

*Holiday Dining Begins at Sorgs!*

**ORDER EARLY...**

**Prime Rib, Pork Crown Roast, Spiral Cut Ham by Order**  
or your family's favorite cuts of  
Beef, Pork, Lamb or Turkey



**Full Retail Counter of Fresh Meat**  
**On-Site Processing to Ensure**  
**Quality & Freshness!**

**Lu Austin and Slack's Jams & Jellies!**

Open Monday - Friday 8 to 5 & Sat. 8 to 4  
N4290 US Hwy. 14 (1/2 mile south of Hwy. 11)

**262-724-5554 • 262-724-3364**

## Local Raised

### BEEF • PORK • LAMB

Beef sold whole, half or quarter. Pork or lamb sold whole or half. All cut, wrapped and freezer-ready. Sold hanging weight, subject to cutting loss

### AL CAPONE ROAST

Boneless Pork Rib Roast stuffed with Italian Seasoning, Italian Sausage, Mozzarella cheese and Summer Sausage, Topped with Paprika.

VARIETY OF BISON  
PRODUCTS and FROZEN FISH

**REGISTER TO WIN A \$25 MEAT PACKAGE**

## LUKE'S

Plan B Spices & BBQ Sauce,  
Papa Woody's BBQ Sauce,  
Crock Pot Ready Soups  
Luke's Chili

Luke's Chicken, Beef or  
Bison Pot Pies

### CHOOSE FROM A VARIETY OF DELICIOUS

- Frozen Ready-To-Bake Pies
- Large Cinnamon Rolls and Dinner Rolls
- Strudel Sticks
- Honey



### WISCONSIN CHEESE



**Also...  
Curds &  
String  
Cheese**

263177



DAVE FIDLIN *Spirit of Geneva Lakes*

**Branded as a lifestyle store, Cornerstone Shop and Gallery sells a variety of home decor throughout the year.**

Cornerstone's clientele is disparate. In addition to greeting the visitors who stop by while taking in Lake Geneva's beauty, store staff and designers serve year-round residents, as well as property owners who have part-time lake homes.

"We want to work with every customer and figure out what their needs are so we can meet them," Bennett said.

In keeping with the local focus, Bennett said, Cornerstone also gives back to the community whenever possible. Throughout the holidays, for example, the store is participating in the Wisconsin Department of Tourism's Big Bundle Up campaign.

Participating retailers and venues, such as Cornerstone, are serving as drop-off sites for new or gently used women's suit jackets and winter coats and men's sweaters, winter coats and gloves.

"The reality is there are people in this community who are in need, and we want to be able to do our part in helping," Bennett said.

#### A QUANTUM LEAP

The seeds of the Bennetts' entrepreneurial foray into serving the Lake Geneva marketplace were planted in 2003. At the time, they operated the nearby Artopia Shop and Gallery, which was a 10th of the size of Cornerstone.

Four years later, the couple purchased Cornerstone and folded Artopia's product line into the business and brought along a loyal clientele. The extensive line of handmade pottery that is still available within Cornerstone is a nod to Artopia.

While the Bennetts' labors are a clear reason for Cornerstone's evolution the past decade, Karin is quick to point out her 26-person full- and part-time staff also deserves credit for the store's success.

The "all hands on deck" mantra within Cornerstone was noticed recently by the editors of *Gifts and Decorative Accessories* magazine, a trade publication for persons working in the gift industry. Cornerstone was named to its list of 25 Gifted Retailers for 2016.

"We have some incredible merchandisers and designers here," Bennett said. "All of the people here are so creative and talented."

That sense of awe is perhaps best represented during the holidays, where most of the store is transformed into a festive wonderland that will evoke a childlike sense of wonder for people of all ages.

#### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSES

The store hosted open houses on two consecutive weekends in November to usher in the holidays. One of the open



houses was tied to the broader open house gala that took place throughout Downtown Lake Geneva's business community.

The open houses, considered one of Cornerstone's marquee events, require significant planning, Bennett said, and are usually mapped out nearly a year in advance. Guest artists and authors are generally on hand during the open houses to showcase their products.

"We have to do a lot of planning because there are so many moving parts to it," Bennett said. "It's something that's on our minds throughout the year."

The dual November open houses have helped with logistics, Bennett said. The store in recent years has ramped up its emphasis of bringing in guest artists. Spreading the events across two days has provided for greater flexibility for the guests, who typically travel to Lake Geneva from far flung locales.

For the second consecutive year, Cornerstone in November hosted St. Louis area resident Karen Didion, an artist who has gained attention across the globe for many of her custom pieces of art. Didion's fans have especially taken note of her various Santa sculptures, some of which are one-of-a-kinds.

"She's become very well known," Bennett said. "We literally had a line of people who were waiting to meet her when she was here for this year's open house."

Whether a whimsical holiday train or a plush, but rustic reindeer, Cornerstone Shop offers hard-to-find home accents.

Didion's niche was carved nearly 25 years ago when she began creating decorative Santas as a pastime while working as a registered nurse. According to Didion's website, demand for her

## T. P. PINES

**For Your Best Christmas Tree Ever!**

**FRESH CUT**  
FRASER FIR & BALSAM  
From our Oxford Wisc. Farm  
Fresh Wreaths  
Local Delivery

Holy Hill Rd., Twin Lakes, WI  
Just west of St. John's Church  
262-877-2797 or 262-877-2344

## The Shy Violet

**ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES**

3 Floors of Selections

Holiday Sale Runs Thru December 31<sup>ST</sup>  
**10 TO 50% OFF**  
GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

Open 6 Days a Week • Tues. - Sat. 10-5 • Sun. Noon - 5  
129 E. Chestnut Street • Burlington, WI • 262-767-9390

Be Safe  
in  
Your Holiday  
Travels!

## PETE'S

TIRE'S

Have a  
Safe & Happy  
Holiday  
Season!

Elkhorn • 262-723-2906  
[www.petestireinc.com](http://www.petestireinc.com)  
**Your Local Independent Tire Dealer**

**Oil Changes ~ Alignments ~ Brakes  
Shocks ~ Struts**

**Roadside Emergency Service**

262•723•2906

1520 N. Fairway Ln.  
Elkhorn, WI

## EVERGREEN ACRES

**CHRISTMAS TREE FARM LLC**

**Cut Your Own: Firs Available**  
**Pre-cut Fraser Fir up to 12 feet**  
Wreaths, Garland and Other Greenery Available

**Open 9-4:30 every day starting  
Nov. 25th until Christmas**  
10 miles North of Elkhorn on Hwy 67  
N9171 Nelson Rd., East Troy, WI 53120

262-495-4502

Cash or checks only. No chainsaws allowed.

creations grew to such a point that in 1995 she created a business: Karen Didion Originals.

Cornerstone also features other custom or exclusive works from other world recognized artists, including Christopher Radko of Poland. He is known for his glass-blown ornaments. The store also carries works by Michael Aram, an award-winning metal-ware, home accessories and fine jewelry designer.

"We've become a destination place for people," Bennett said, pointing to some of the custom brands that are not readily available elsewhere.

While planning the logistics of the holidays and the open houses is a nearly year-round effort, the actual act of transforming the store with Christmas-themed imagery is another factor that does not happen overnight. Bennett said the decorating staff labored in the days and weeks leading up to the pair of events in November.

#### A SHOP FOR ALL SEASONS

Holiday-themed décor and merchandise might take center stage at the moment, but Bennett notes her shop takes on different personas throughout the year. The decorating staff create varying themes as the seasons change, meaning a customer's visit could be starkly different from one stop to the next.

While store staff's expertise plays an important role in deciding what is stocked on Cornerstone's shelves and display tables, Bennett said customer feedback also plays into the factoring.

Case in point: When the temperatures plunged, Cornerstone used to store away all of its nautical-themed merchandise that is a crowd-pleaser in the summer months. But over the years, Bennett said customers would visit the shop and ask for it during the off-season.

As a result, a small selection is now on display throughout the year. In fact, one of the store's line of custom Christmas trees this year even features an unorthodox nautical theme.

"We really listen to our customers. We want to know what their thoughts are," Bennett said. "We try to offer them that personal touch."



Whether the classic look of nutcrackers (above) or a nautical-themed tree for a lake home (at left), Cornerstone Shop and Gallery features items to suit a wide variety of holiday and home tastes.

ED NADOLSKI PHOTOS  
*Spirit of Geneva Lakes*

Cornerstone Shop and Gallery sells an assortment of candles from a variety of brands, including the Yankee Candle Co. Below: The store's window displays are works of art in their own right.

PHOTOS BY DAVE FIDLIN  
and ED NADOLSKI  
Spirit of Geneva Lakes



In a world where the Walmarts and Amazons rule the big box and online marketplaces, respectively, Bennett said Cornerstone's approach to giving that personal touch is one way it has an edge against some of the retailing Goliaths of this world.

"It's one important area where they can't compete with us," Bennett said.

While she is quick to point out running a store is more work than she ever could have imagined in her pre-entrepreneurial days, Bennett said the personal interactions are a significant benefit that make the laboring worthwhile.

"I've met some really amazing people by doing this," she said. "People are a very important part of this journey, and I feel so fortunate for the staff I have and to have met so many different customers. It all just comes together beautifully, and it's great."

Bennett likened all of those ingredients, which ensure no two working days are the same, to a gift that just keeps on giving – a gift not unlike some of the merchandise available within her shop.

Cornerstone Shop and Gallery is at 214 Broad St. in Lake Geneva. The store's phone number is (262) 248-6988, and its website is [www.cornerstoneshoppe.com](http://www.cornerstoneshoppe.com). Customers also can email store staff at [sales@cornerstoneshoppe.com](mailto:sales@cornerstoneshoppe.com).

Serving You  
For Over  
50 Years

*Distinctive Landscape  
Design & Installation*



• YEAR-ROUND TREE SERVICE • CERTIFIED ARBORIST  
• SNOW REMOVAL • FALL AND SPRING CLEAN UPS  
**262-248-3653** W2795 KRUEGER RD.  
LAKE GENEVA  
[www.bandjlandscape.com](http://www.bandjlandscape.com) [office@bandjtree.com](mailto:office@bandjtree.com)



## LAKE LAWN OFFERS FEASTS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Lake Lawn Resort's holiday performances, lavish feasts and outdoor winter activities like snow shoeing, cross country skiing and ice fishing will offer endless opportunities to gather loved ones and enjoy the season.

The resort, on the shores of Delavan Lake at 2400 E. Geneva St., Delavan, offers a long list of holiday- and winter-themed activities as well as special dining packages to accommodate visitors.

Here's a look at this year's slate of holiday activities:

### *Breakfast with Santa*

While the elves are busy in the workshop, Santa Claus is planning a full schedule of appearances at Lake Lawn. Enjoy breakfast with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 11 a.m. Featuring two side-by-side breakfast buffets – with one set up at children's height – guests will enjoy a hearty morning meal before sharing their wish lists with Santa.

A life-size gingerbread house will be on display in Lake Lawn's garden courtyard for picture taking. Plus, sing-a-long Christmas carols and children's arts and crafts will top off the morning.

The buffet costs \$16.95 for adults, \$9.50 for children 4 to 12 years old and complimentary for children 3 and younger, plus tax and gratuity.

### *The Nutcracker*

From dancing mice and toy soldiers to twirling flowers and snowflakes, local dance studio, The Dance Factory, will get audience members in the true holiday spirit during their classic performances of "The Nutcracker" on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Great Room. Attendees can stop by the Frontier Restaurant beforehand for the Prime Rib Buffet.

The show costs \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and younger. For those who want to take advantage of the Prime Rib Buffet as well, Lake Lawn is offering tickets to the buffet and



**Dec. 3 & 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Buy One Item at Regular Price  
Get Next at 20% Off** (including Alpacas)

*Other Store hours are:*  
**Dec. 10, 11, 17, 18, 23 & 24 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Unique gift ideas From our Suri Alpacas  
yarn, roving, felt & raw fiber (all natural/some dyed).

***Suri Alpacas produce one of the  
world's finest & most luxurious natural fibers.***



Darlene & Ed Geiser

**Earthcare Suri Alpacas, LLC**

146 N Honey Lake Rd., Burlington, WI 53105

262-210-2080

[www.earthcaresuri.com](http://www.earthcaresuri.com)



264127

show for \$35 for adults, \$15 for children 12 years old and younger, plus tax and gratuity. Reservations are suggested.

### *A Christmas Carol*

Become more than just a spectator during the interactive production of "A Christmas Carol" by local theater group, Creative Outlets, on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 8 p.m. in the Great Room.

Following the transformation of Ebenezer Scrooge from bitter and cruel to gentle and kind, the play will guide audience members to different areas around the resort as the production progresses. Attendees can stop by the Frontier Restaurant beforehand for the prime rib.

The show costs \$15 per person. For those who want to take advantage of the prime rib buffet as well, Lake Lawn Resort is offering tickets to the buffet and show for just \$35 per person, plus tax and gratuity.

### *Christmas Eve Dickens Dinner*

Inspired by the writings of Charles Dickens, award winning Director of Culinary Operations and Executive Chef David Ross will script a Christmas Eve feast that embodies the true spirit of Christmas.

The four-course spread will feature apple sage stuffed and

maple brined turkey breast, roasted prime rib, seafood stuffed sole and Yorkshire pudding, as well as other classic dishes and sides. A children's menu will also be available.

The Christmas Eve Dickens Dinner runs from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Frontier Restaurant on Saturday, Dec. 24. The meal costs \$40.95 for adults, \$19.95 for children 4 to 12 years old and complimentary for children 3 and younger, plus tax and gratuity.

### *Grand Yuletide Christmas Day Buffet*

After the presents are unwrapped and the excitement settles, Lake Lawn Resorts invites guests to the Grand Yuletide Christmas Day Buffet at the Frontier Restaurant. The gourmet spread features a made-to-order omelet station, homemade waffles, holiday-inspired salads, seasonal vegetables, a meat-carving table and an assortment of traditional desserts.

The buffet runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with last seating at 5 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 25. The meal costs \$34.95 for adults, \$14.95 for children 4 to 12 years old and complimentary for children 3 and younger, plus tax and gratuity.

Reservations for all the dining events may be made by calling (262) 725-9155.

For more information on Lake Lawn Resort's holiday happenings, visit [www.LakeLawnResort.com](http://www.LakeLawnResort.com).

264131

**Give Winter the Boot  
with Waterproof Boots!**

Put your warmest, driest foot forward with Blondo boots. Designed for the ultimate comfort and warmth, these water-shedding, wool-lined, leather boots have sealed seams with AquaProtect. You will love the inside zipper for easy on and off.  
**Try on Blondo Today!**

444 N. PINE ST., HISTORIC DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON, WI

262-763-3050  
[www.burlingtonfootwear.com](http://www.burlingtonfootwear.com)

Mon. - Fri. 10:00-5:30  
Sat 9:30-4

225169

Holiday Sale Runs Thru December 31<sup>ST</sup>  
**10 TO 50% OFF**  
GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

Open 6 Days a Week • Tues. - Sat. 10-5 • Sun. Noon - 5  
129 E. Chestnut Street • Burlington, WI • 262-767-9390

264133

**To be a part of  
The Historic Burlington Page  
call or email Pete Hansen  
262-723-2250**

**[phansen@standardpress.com](mailto:phansen@standardpress.com) or visit  
[spiritofgenevalakes.com](http://spiritofgenevalakes.com)**

260620



FILE PHOTO Spirit of Geneva Lakes

Lake Lawn Resort, 2400 Geneva St., Delavan, will host breakfast with Santa on Dec 18.  
It is one of several holiday-themed dining events planned for the season.





## SERVICES OFFERED

- Winter / Summer Storage (Inside & Outside)
- Inboard Sales & Service
  - Boat / Auto
  - In & Out Service
- Pick-Up / Delivery – Marine & Auto
  - Shrink-Wrap
- Mechanical–Marine / Auto / Trailers
- Antique Wood Boat Restoration
  - Gel-Coat / Fiberglass Work
- Custom Woodwork (Transom Bars)
  - Antique Auto restoration
- Cleaning & Detailing–Marine & Auto
  - Bottom Wash
- Consignment–Marine & Auto
- Upholstery–Marine & Auto
  - Covers–Marine & Auto
  - Fuel Sales

**Fresh Cut  
Balsam & Fraser Fir  
Nov. 26 thru  
Christmas**




Stop In  
See Our  
Showroom of  
Vintage Cars  
for Sale

Copyright © 2003-2015. All rights reserved.

262-728-5438 • [www.delavanlakeboatshed.com](http://www.delavanlakeboatshed.com) • 5495 State Rd. 50 • Delavan, WI 53115

---

## THROUGH THE LENS



### The soft side of winter

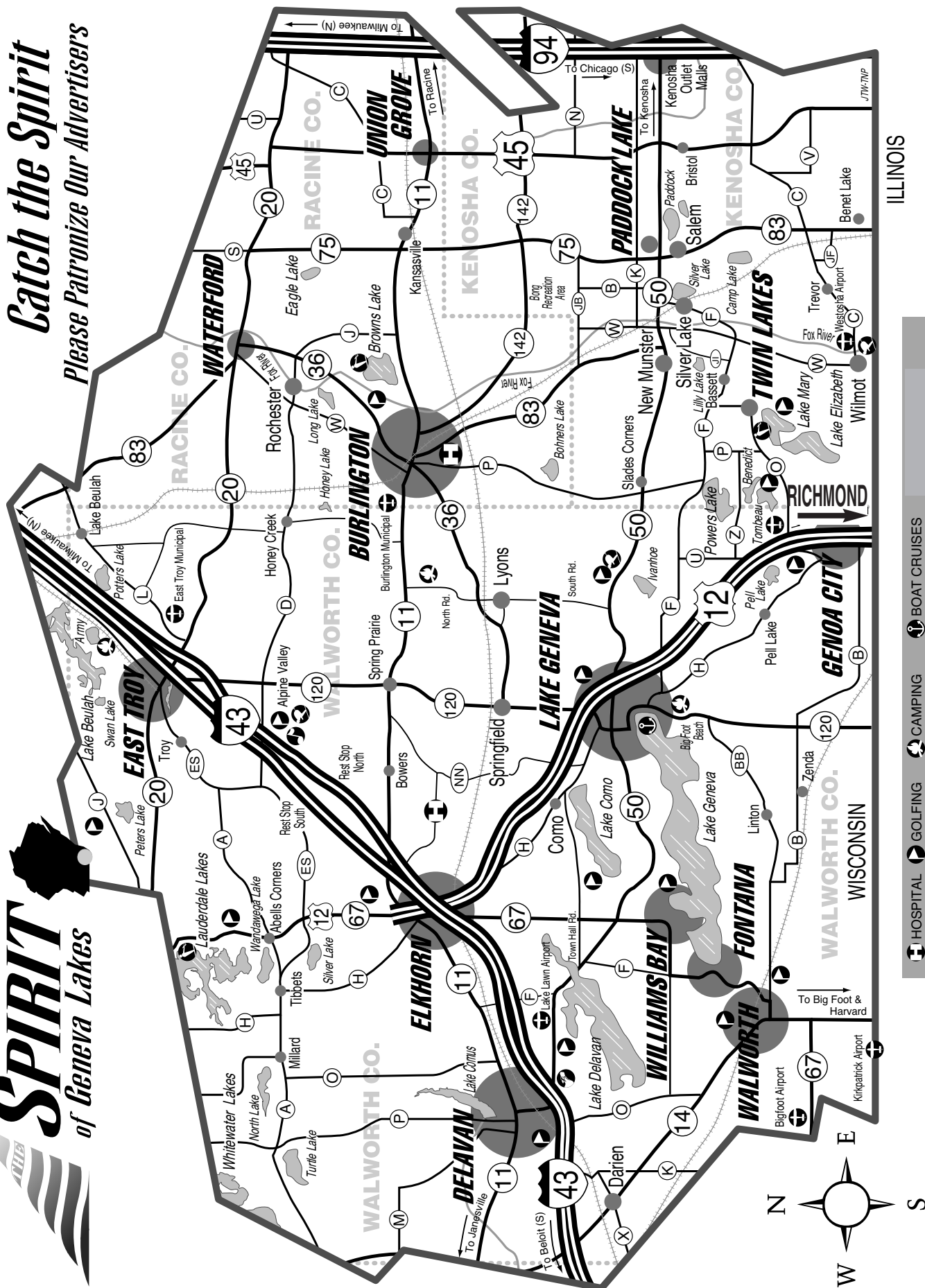
For all its cold and fury, winter does have a softer side. Few seasons offer such dichotomy in pleasure and pain. For every deep freeze is warmed by the beauty of a delicate frost and every blizzard is balanced by the peaceful silence of a snow-covered meadow – or, in this case, a fairway on a golf course at the Grand Geneva Resort.

COURTESY OF GRAND GENEVA RESORT *Spirit of Geneva Lakes*



# Advertiser's index

Always Remember That.....	34	Midwest College of Oriental Medicine.....	8
B&J Tree & Landscaping Inc.....	46	Moy's Restaurant.....	28, 20
Binanti's Taste of Italy.....	24, 20	Nick's Upholstery.....	28
Bruno's Liquors.....	54	Oh My Gauze.....	40
Burlington Footwear.....	48	Pats Services Inc.....	12
Cedardale Pet Resort.....	42	Peck and Weis Heating.....	53
Champs Sports Bar & Grill.....	20	Pete's Tire.....	44
Circle of Friends.....	14	Princess Cafe.....	20
Colony House Restaurant.....	32, 20	Riga-Tony's.....	20
Countryside Trees.....	36	Sandy's Upscale Consignment.....	14
Daddy Maxwell's.....	20	Sorgs Packing.....	42
Delavan Lake Boat Shed.....	49	Sprecher's Restaurant & Pub.....	20
Derek's Plumbing.....	26	Staller Estate.....	18
Doheny's Water Warehouse.....	36	Steve's British Connection.....	18
Earthcare Suri Alpacas.....	47	Stinebrink's Piggly Wiggly.....	30
Evergreen Acres Christmas Tree Farm.....	44	Sugar Creek Mutual Insurance.....	55
Fitzgerald's Genoa Junction.....	20	Swiss Maid Bakery.....	32
Foley's Irish Woods.....	26	T.P. Pines.....	44
Fontana Jeweler.....	3	The Chalet.....	20
Gage Marine.....	54	The Christmas Barn.....	38
Ginger Blossom.....	16	The Rauland Agency Inc.....	4
Gino's East Pizzeria.....	20	The Rustic Realm.....	32
Hernandez Mexican Restaurant.....	20	The Shy Violet.....	48
Komfort Heating & Cooling.....	10	Verlo Mattress.....	56
Lake Geneva Pie.....	34	Wells Spiral Stairs.....	16
Lake Lawn Resort.....	2	West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co.....	38
Lucke's Cantina.....	20, 18	Wilmot Auto Service.....	22
Luisa's Restaurant.....	22	Zenda Tap.....	20
Midwest Assisted Living Partners.....	42		



-  HOSPITAL
-  GOLFING
-  CAMPING
-  BOAT CRUISES
-  AIRFIELD
-  CONCERTS
-  SNOWSKIING
-  WATERSKI SHOWS
-  COUNTY LINES

# Residential & Commercial Heating & Air Conditioning

## Your #1 Choice for Indoor Comfort!

**Voted #1 Heating & Air Conditioning Contractor  
in Walworth County for 5 Years In A Row**



**24-Hour Emergency  
Service with 20 Trucks  
to Serve You!**



**Free Estimates on New  
Installations.**

**Factory-Trained  
Technicians**

**Voted #1 Plumbing & Electrical Contractor 2 Years In A Row**

**VALUABLE COUPON**



**AO Smith**  
Innovation has a name.

**\$50 OFF**

**The Installation of a New  
AO SMITH WATER HEATER**

Some Exclusions Might Apply. Call for Details. Expires 12/31/16

**VALUABLE COUPON**

**\$100  
OFF**

**Installation of  
NEW KOHLER GENERATOR**

Some Exclusions Might Apply. Call for Details. Expires 12/31/16



**VALUABLE COUPON**

**FURNACE CLEAN &  
SERVICE SPECIAL**

**\$99\*\*** (Includes 15 point check list)  
per residential Gas Furnace

\*\*Regular price \$153.00. Call for details. Additional repairs and parts extra if necessary. All brands serviced, oil furnaces and boilers not included. Extra charge for humidifier and air cleaner service. Not valid with any other offer. Expires 12/31/16



**PECK & WEIS**

**HEATING • COOLING • PLUMBING • ELECTRIC**



**WHATEVER  
IT TAKES.**



**"More People Get Comfortable With Us!!"**

**Hwy. 120 North • Lake Geneva, WI • [www.peckandweis.com](http://www.peckandweis.com)**



**Delavan  
728-8844**

**Burlington  
763-4333**

**Lake Geneva  
248-6836**

**Elkhorn  
743-2665**

**Twin Lakes  
877-4328**

**Walworth  
275-3150**

**Heating, Cooling, Plumbing & Electrical Services**

**Professional Sales ~ Service ~ Expert Installation**

**Winner of Bryant's Gold Medal of Excellence Award**



# SANTA CRUISE

A MAGICAL HOLIDAY CRUISE  
ABOARD THE GRAND BELLE!

TOURS DEPART AND RETURN FROM  
GAGE MARINA / PIER290 IN WILLIAMS BAY

SEASON STARTS THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING AND RUNS THROUGH NEW YEAR'S EVE

DETAILS AND ONLINE BOOKING AT: [CRUISELAKEGENEVA.COM](http://CRUISELAKEGENEVA.COM)



263685

## HOLIDAY HEADQUARTERS FOR ALL YOUR LIQUOR NEEDS!

Since 1975



*Happy Holidays*  
from Lake Geneva's  
**Largest Liquor Store!**

*Fine Wines from Around the Globe in Our  
Expansive Wine Room*

**Craft Beers • Full Liquor Selection  
Premium Cigars**

*Catering for Holiday Parties, Weddings  
or Any Special Event*

## BRUNO'S LIQUORS

524 Broad Street Lake Geneva, WI • 262-248-6407  
[www.brunosliquor.com](http://www.brunosliquor.com) - Open 7 Days 9-9

**Very Large Collection  
of Holiday Gift Sets  
and Gift Certificates  
Available**

264126

Sugar Creek Mutual Insurance Company  
17 W Walworth St., Elkhorn, WI 53121  
sugarcreek@sugarcreekmutual.com  
262-723-3244

Banco Insurance Agency-Palmyra  
125 West Main St., Palmyra, WI 53156  
lori@bancoinsurance.com 262-495-2118

Banco Insurance Agency-Whitewater  
207 West Main Street, Whitewater, WI 53190  
kreed@firstcitizensww.com 262-473-7334

Hagen Insurance Agency  
15 N Madison St., Evansville, WI 53536  
julset@gramsinsurance.com 608- 882-6515

The Insurance Shopper, Heather Brown  
941 N. Washington St., Janesville, WI 53548  
heather.brown.usa@gmail.com 608-755-1027

Patricia Lauderdale  
W4725 County Road A, Elkhorn, WI 53121  
patty Lauderdale@gmail.com 262-742-3818

David Travis  
W8051 State Road 67 Sharon, WI 53585  
detravis47@gmail.com 262-736-4246

Breck Ward  
218 Park Street, Elkhorn, WI 53121  
bwardscm@gmail.com 262-215-5633

Grams Insurance Agency LLC  
103 W Fulton St., PO Box 336, Edgerton, WI 53534  
(608)884-3304  
www.gramsinsurance.com  
Julie Ulset julset@gramsinsurance.com

Woellert Agency  
Tom Woellert/Kristen Servais  
2409 Westward Dr., Spring Grove, IL 60081  
(262) 347-9704  
tom@woellertagency.com/kristen@woellertagency.com

## "I CHOOSE MUTUAL INSURANCE BECAUSE I KNOW WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER."

Policyholders who work with a mutual insurance company have a shared purpose: getting the best coverage and protection available. And mutual insurance delivers because mutuals serve policyholders, not shareholders. Our decisions are always based on what's best for you. Plus local agents offer customized solutions for all your insurance needs. Find out how mutual insurance can work for you.

### Member of the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies

"SHARED PURPOSE. MUTUAL VALUES"™ is a registered trademark of the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies. All rights reserved.  
© 2012 National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies.



SHARED PURPOSE. MUTUAL VALUES.™

263757



# MISMATCH

## MATTRESS EVENT



### WHY MISMATCH?

We use mismatched or discontinued fabrics to cover your high-quality Verlo mattress. Put a sheet on it and the only difference you'll notice is the price.

### Lifetime Comfort Guarantee



Take the rest out of mattress shopping with the assurance of adjustable comfort for the lifetime of your mattress.



**TWIN \$89**  
MATTRESSES  
STARTING AT



**BED ON A BUDGET | v1 FIRM**

QUEEN SETS **\$269**

Twin \$359 • Full \$399 • King \$539

COMPLETE SET PURCHASE REQUIRED. ONE COUPON PER TRANSACTION. MAY NOT BE USED ON PREVIOUS PURCHASE.

EXPIRES 12/31/16. #15021029A



**DURABLE CONSTRUCTION | v3 FIRM**

QUEEN SETS **\$689**

Twin \$449 • Full \$599 • King \$899

COMPLETE SET PURCHASE REQUIRED. ONE COUPON PER TRANSACTION. MAY NOT BE USED ON PREVIOUS PURCHASE.

EXPIRES 12/31/16. #15021029B



**REDUCE PARTNER DISTURBANCE | v5 FIRM**

QUEEN SETS **\$949**

Twin \$599 • Full \$849 • King \$1219

COMPLETE SET PURCHASE REQUIRED. ONE COUPON PER TRANSACTION. MAY NOT BE USED ON PREVIOUS PURCHASE.

EXPIRES 12/31/16. #15021029C



**Lake Geneva**  
2462 Hwy. 20  
(1/2 mile N. of Hwy. 12)  
(262) 249-0420

**McHenry**  
3710 W. Elm St.  
(815) 578-8375

**Crystal Lake**  
5150 N.W. Hwy. #1  
(815) 455-2570



Get a Verlo night's sleep...for less.

shop online at **verlo.com**